**First Church Congregational Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 27; 7:30 pm – via Zoom**

**Attending: Jim Muschett, Vanessa Rose, Carrie Curtin, Craig Way, Patty Bilotto, Jacque Paige, Joy Nazzaro, Wendy Williams-Brown**

**Minutes**

Call to Order by Jim Muschett at 7:33pm

Invocation led by Wendy Williams-Brown

Jim Muschett made motion to  approve the minutes from the August 30 Council Meeting, Patty Bilotto second, unanimously approved.

**Board Reports**

Pastoral Team update by Vanessa Rose.

* Pleased with new hires: Trinity, Teri, Bethany and Kim
* Tré Kayumba was hired to work with High Road for 10 hours/week and support the Working for Racial Justice Pathway for 5 hours/week.
* Leadership retreat moved to 10/15 at FCC from 9am-12pm with lunch led by Janine Schindler

Sanctuary Improvement update by Jacque Page.

* All projects moving along smoothly and starting to wind down.
* Positive feedback about Sanctuary and Eunoia Room improvements
* Music Room is working out great!

Resource Development update by Joy Nazzaro.

* October 2nd First Baptist is coming
* Speakers for all other Sundays in October
* Gearing up for Three Kings Bazaar (hot dogs, bake sale, book sale, few vendors, tag sale, luncheon) / need a volunteer for leading the luncheon / need a raffle permit

Finance updated by Jacque Page. (Howard Slagter is away)

* Endowment transferred to Howard
* Finances in good shape
* Howard needs a key to building

Personnel update by Patty Bilotto.

* Tré Kayumba hired for High Road
* Kimberly Feeney hired for Disciple Road
* Property Manager to be hired by end of year
* Vanessa actively looking for Associate Minister

Resource/Facilities update by Craig Way.

* Sanctuary HVAC is operating.
* Music Room HVAC operating.
* Jones Wing Roof is fixed and skylights installed
* Montessori satisfied with the improvements. Working on Toddler Room Bathroom inspection
* Operation Hope satisfied
* 300 Sunnie Holme rented for October 1 move in date. Inspection revealed several issues that needed to be repaired. Most will be completed very soon.

Worship update from Wendy Williams-Brown.

* Diaconate was going to continue taking on the Ushers/Greeters duties until the DeNiscos return.
* Nick Page was wonderful.
* Happy to be back in the Sanctuary.

Outreach update by Jacque Page (Rita Skog was absent).

* CONECT Meet the Candidates Assembly on October 23rd at 4pm at Temple B’nai Israel. Committed to having 15 participants from FCC.

Need Stewards for In-reach and Faith Formation.

**New Business**

Jacque Paige made a motion to allow wine/beer to be served at church rental events. Jim seconded. Unanimously approved pending details.

* Not to allow charging or advertising that alcohol is included in the price of a ticket.
* Hosting organization would need to provide insurance and permit

Leadership retreat—October 15 at FCC / Council, Deacons, and Members of Pastoral Team invited.

**Future Meetings**

• Council meetings are the fourth Tuesday of the month.

• Next meeting: October 25, 7:30pm (zoom vs in-person TBD)

Benediction by Rev. Vanessa Rose.

Adjourned at 8:26pm.

Respectfully submitted, Carrie Curtin, Clerk