

First Church Congregational Council Meeting

February 27, 2024; 7:30 pm – Hybrid (Sanctuary Lobby/Zoom)

Agenda

Call to Order

Invocation

Approval of minutes from the January 24 Council Meeting

Board Reports

- **Pastor's Report:** **Vanessa**
 - Asha is the new Social Media Director
- **Resource Development:** **Michelle: Stewardship campaign/pledge updates; upcoming events**
 - Memorial Day is the next upcoming event: potential booths for kids in the parking lot, crafts, and the ReMax Balloon
 - Work on flowers with the Flower Committee; order tulips as we used to
 - We can purchase wholesaler for tulip plants is \$3.95 for a 4" tulip pot and \$8.95 for 6" pot
- **Finance:** **Jim Meisner**
 - Nothing new since the annual meeting
- **Facilities:** **Craig Way**
 - Attached with highlights
- **Worship:** **Wendy Williams Brown**
 - N/A
- **Outreach:** **Rita Skog**
 - African American History Museum - collegial environment; success
 - Easter Baskets for 10th and 17th of March
 - Nothing new in CONECT
 - Greater Bridgeport Council of Churches to close due to financial strain between now and June 30; after 79 years; March 21 event
 - We'll need to review our 2024 pledge and payment; \$12,000
- **In-reach:** **Elizabeth Hayes**
 - Souper Bowl Pot-luck
 - Valentines cards sent out
- **Faith Formation:** **Kate Brown**
 - Kids summary attached
 - Weds AM Bible Study
 - Artist's Way; great attendance; small group ministry is quality draw
 - Planning trip to the Cloisters

New Business

- Motion to approve the purchase of three choir chairs (Vanessa); Motion to approve that, as per our bylaws, any funds set aside and approved by the Music Board for Music by Music Director up to \$5,000; approved unanimously
- Hearing assistance system and addition of two microphones in the Sanctuary
- Application for State Grant for Security Measures
- Retreat; need to pick a date

Future Meetings

Council Meetings are on the 4th Tuesday of the Month

Next Council Meetings: March 26, April 23, & May 28

Devotional Leader for March

Benediction

Adjourn