

First Church Congregational Council Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2024; 7:30 pm

Call to Order

Invocation

In attendance:

- Vanessa Rose
- Todd Sample
- Patty Bilotto
- Michelle Velez
- Kim Stevens
- Craig Way
- Wendy Williams

Approval of minutes from April 30, 2024 Council Meeting; Minutes were accepted unanimously

Board Reports

- **Pastor's Report:** **Rev. Vanessa Rose**
 - New website is launching soon - possibly next week; Beth Fitzpatrick is leading this initiative
 - Memorial Day was a hit;
- Resource Development: Michelle Velez (absent)
- **Finance:** **Jim Meisner**
 - Finances are in good standing and on budget
 - Expenses are a bit higher due to maintenance, which could be reallocated;
 - Income is higher due to the store; pledges are running high; rents are up; investments are healthy
 - Motion to move the cost of the Windows from the kitchen renovation to maintenance fund up to \$20,000; motion approved unanimously
- **Facilities:** **Craig Way**
 - Craig and Patty will meet with Frank to finalize the contract
 - Report attached
- **Worship:** **Wendy Williams Brown**
 - Considering moving prayer time to allow for more people and new people to attend
 - Pastor schedules are set for the summer
 - New soundsystem for the beach, including a musician and choir
- Outreach: Rita Skog (absent)
- In-reach: Elizabeth Hayes (absent)
- Faith Formation: Kate Brown (absent)

New Business

- Slate of candidates for 2024-2025 Year / Annual Election Meeting
 - Todd Sample will co-chair Outreach with Rita and will continue as Clerk
 - Michelle Velez needs assistance with events for Resource Development

- Motion to approve Slate for June 9th meeting; Approved unanimously
- As part of the Rowland Road sale, \$100,000 was designated to be put in the endowment with a plan to spend \$10,000 a year over 10 years for charitable giving. We have not spent any yet, so three motions were put forth:
 - For 2022, a motion was put forth to approve \$10K for the refugee apartment. Approved unanimously.
 - For 2023, the motion put forth was to spend \$10K with \$5K for the refugee apartment and \$5K for historical markers for land acknowledgment and slavery history; Approved unanimously.
 - For 2024, the motion was put forth to spend \$10k with \$5K each for RYASAP (Regional Youth Adult Social Action Partnership, ryasap.com) and Hang Time Real Talk who foster community and and give voice to those involved with gang/group violence and those that inherently suffer from PTSD resulting from urban gun violence (hangtimerealtalk.com). Approved unanimously.

Future Meetings

Elections: June 9, 2024 after 10:15 am Service

Council Meetings are the 4th Tuesday of the Month

Next Council Meetings: June 25 and July 23

Devotional Leader for June

Benediction

Adjourn