First Congregational United Church of Christ – Sioux City, IA  
Church Council Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2021

Council Members Present: Pam Ridgway, Nan Cord, Jan Nowlen, Jeff Stellish, Jay Rosenberg, Kathie Petrie, John Kiernan, Peggy Hoffmeyer. Absent: Donna Popp

Others Present: Dick Owens, Verlee Owens, Todd Siefker

Called to order at 11:34 am.

Opening Prayer offered by Peggy Hoffmeyer

Review/Approve September Minutes. Jay moved to approve, Kathie seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor’s Report (none at this time)

Report from Treasurer and Financial Secretary – Funds in account are good. Market is good. After 2021 withdrawals from the Endowment the balance in the Endowment account is greater than the beginning on 2020.

Todd’s Report (Intergenerational Director) – Possibly change up some things to draw more people in and keep them here. Change up the music. Add a Coffee Bar. Share more on Social Media regarding the things that we do within our church. Bring back special music. Follow up with visitors – phone calls, take them bread, something to sell your services.

Implementation – Start doing Special Music – Noah and others. Pay rate is $75 from Eidsmoe account. Promote missions projects and other things on social media. Coffee in narthex before church with disposable cups and lids.

New Business

1. Nominating Committee – Michael did not receive any responses from STTP notice. Members will be Pam Ridgway, Kathie Petrie and Jan Nowlen.
2. Thanksgiving Dinner – pass for 2021, revisit for 2022
3. Covid Restriction Changes – discussion too place. Will decide at November meeting if we will start allowing Masks to be optional if you are fully vaccinated, required if you are not after reviewing CDC and Siouxland District Health guidelines.
4. 2022 Budget – Jeff would like budgets from the Committees to be sent to him prior to the November meeting.

Old Business

1. Retirement Celebration for Rick – Pam will ask if January 2022 works
2. Council Rep for B&G
3. Communion – Rev Del Olivier on November 7
4. Media Tech for Live Streaming – found any additional people to help?
5. Pneumatic system for church
6. Committee Reports
7. Buildings and Grounds
8. Christian Education
9. Live Streaming Committee
10. Missions
11. Nurture
12. Personnel
13. ONA Committee
14. Ad Hoc Strategy Design Team

Blessing & Adjournment – Adjourned at 12:52 pm

Next Council Meeting, Sunday, November 21, 2021

Respectfully submitted

Pam Ridgway

Council President and Acting Secretary