Congregational United Church of Christ

Ministry Council Minutes for June 5, 2024

Present: Pastor Jeannie, Moderator: Scott Olson, Ministry of Stewardship: Marilyn Kostrzak, Council Secretary: Jenn Abing, Ministry of Faith Development: Jenn Abing, Ministry of Service: Mary Janness. Ministry of Spiritual Life: Terri Flesburg. Members at Large: Sue Dollhopf, Sherrie Jischke, and Connie Ragazzi. Vice Moderator: Signa Meyers

Absent: Ministry of Faith Development: Dawn Welling; Ministry of Stewardship: Jeff Nichols

Guest: Buildings & Grounds: Kevin Schumann

Scott Olson opened the meeting; Pastor Jeannie presented the opening prayer.

Reports from the ministries were received via email prior to the meeting. The minutes from the May meeting were approved as well as the Congregational Meeting Minutes on April 14th and the Congregational meeting to vote on the Settled Pastor on April 28th. Joy and Concerns were shared.

Updates from the Ministries:

***Ministry of Spiritual Life: Terri Flesburg**

Had their meeting on June 5th

Outdoor worships:

June 16th - Father's Day – having a father's table as we did in for Mother's day

July 21st - Ice cream social

August 16 – Pet Blessing

Barb Oakley's funeral is on June 15th - Mary Janness will take the lead on it.

***Ministry of Service: Mary Janness**

Service Sunday – all went well; had more people take part this year. Reach out to congregation regarding some services or projects that they'd be interested in. Scott will meet with Mary to clarify expenses from this year

Barb Oakley's funeral is on June 15th - Mary Janness is offering to take the lead on this for the Ministry of Spiritual Life. Estimating that there will be 125 attendees. The Neenah Community Band will be playing. Pastor Jeannie will be meeting with the family on Wednesday, June 12th.

*Notes: the remaining rummage sale stuff will be picked up on June 14th. Marilyn and her crew will take down tables that won't be needed for the funeral.

Community Table – June 18th

Pride Event in Neenah is June 22nd at Riverside Park. We could have a table at the event for a $20 donation. Possibly order rainbow flags to give out along with information about our church and what it means to be Open & Affirming as well as inviting them to church June 30th for Open & Affirming Sunday. Scott and Mary agreed to be present at the event to represent the church

***Marketing & Communication: Signa Meyers**

1. We will move forward with the comma badges for all members who regularly attend.
2. First and last name for adults (adults are defined by having been confirmed or thereabouts…don't have to be rigid)
3. Kids will get a smaller circle name tag with first name only and will have one when they enter Sunday School (I may need a list of these with a goal of having these ready for Rally day…might be a fun gift to give out that day).
4. Marilyn will announce new badges are coming and there will be magnets instead of clips and if people are worried about that please let Melanie know by June 30 and we can make then without the magnet.
5. Colors will be red, yellow, light blue and orange (rainbow), but you don't get to pick your color sadly. You get what you get.
6. If you lose it, it's $1.00 to replace (for now…costs may go up in the future).
7. We have an anonymous donor who donated $250 so we have enough to make all regular attendees now plus many new members in the future.
8. Kevin will install some steel strips so people can store these new badges where old name tags once were to avoid confusion.

Habitat for Humanity --- it was brought up by a congregant if there is a Permanent Habitat for Humanity Fund. Marilyn will contact Habitat to get an estimate on when the 401 house would be built and also ask her attorney friend regarding the Memorial Fund to verify if someone designates monies to a specific need, how that should best be documented and tracked.

***Ministry of Faith Development: Jenn Abing**

Had a meeting on May 22nd

Confirmation Class will be 2024/2025

Rally Day – September 8th

Mission Trip leaves Sunday, June 9

Alanna, Terri M., and Becky will put together a list of all the events that Faith Development does throughout the year; some activities can be shifted to other ministries.

***Ministry of Stewardship: Marilyn Kostrzak**

Had a meeting on May 28th

Appreciate all that Kevin Schumann does!

Per the Reimbursement Agreement with Lake Edge a review of agreement was done in May. Kevin addressed issues with the Director, and these were put into the agreement. Insurance requirements were also added to the agreement. A review will be done in June to ensure Lake Edge understands the agreement requirements. We are not changing the dollar amount for the reimbursement fee, just clarifying how the rooms are to be used and cleaned.

Making the payment process clearer; not making any changes, just clarifying the process.

***Pastor's Updates:**

June 19 – June 25, 2024 – Pastor Jeannie will be on vacation

June 23 – Mission Trip Recap during worship, no Pastor supply will be needed this Sunday.

Last day in the office will be July 16th. Pastor Jeannie's official last day on paper is July 31st.

July 21st – Pastor Jeannie will find a replacement for service.

***Buildings & Grounds:**

Neighbors are having some issues with Lake Edge. Scott will reach out and plan a meeting with the neighbors, Lake Edge and Kevin.

The outdoor sanctuary update will be put on hold for right now. The bigger project is the Pastor's office update and remodel – Scott is meeting with Pastor Rob regarding colors etc… Will then formulate a plan.

Stump removal is still on the docket.

***Council Notes:**

July 29th will be Pastor Rob's first day in the office

August 4 - Pastor Rob's first Sunday in worship

Calendar Review:

Pride Month
June 2 – Graduation Sunday
June 5 – COUNCIL MEETING
June 6 – Menasha High School Graduation
June 6 – 9 – Wisconsin Council Annual Meeting
June 7 & 8 – Rummage Sale
June 8 – Brat Fry & Bake Sale
June 9 – 15 – Youth Mission Trip
June 16 – Outdoor worship
June 18 – Community Table
June 23 – Mission Trip Recap Service

June 30 – Open & Affirming Sunday

July 21 – Outdoor worship – Ice Cream Social

August 18 – Outdoor worship – Pet Blessing
August 20 – Community Table

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm with the Lord's Prayer.
Respectfully submitted,

Jenn Abing

Next Meeting: August 1, 2024, at 6:30 pm

Devotion –