Congregational United Church of Christ

Ministry Council Minutes for September 5, 2024

Present: Moderator: Scott Olson, Ministry of Stewardship: Jeff Nichols, Council Secretary: Jenn Abing, Ministry of Faith Development: Jenn Abing, Ministry of Service: Mary Janness. Ministry of Spiritual Life: Terri Flesburg Sherri Jischke. Members at Large: Connie Ragazzi. Vice Moderator: Signa Meyers

Absent: Pastor Rob (hope you feel better), Ministry of Faith Development: Dawn Welling.

Scott Olson opened the meeting and offered devotional.

Reports from the ministries were received via email prior to the meeting. The minutes from the August meeting were approved. Joy and Concerns were shared.

Updates from the Ministries:

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

*Next meeting September 15th after worship
*Pet blessing service was nice. Thank you for Pat for taking pictures.
*50 in attendance Labor Day weekend with communion.
*Pastor Rob would like to have a plan in place for new members. More to come.

***Ministry of Service: Mary Janness**

*Next meeting is September 22nd
*Gaye Dickson is going to take Community Table.

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

*Next meeting September 17
*First day of Sunday School – September 8th
*Rally Day – September 15th – Pancake Breakfast before church. Paige is taking the lead on this.
*Bible Sunday – October 20
*UNICEF Halloween Party – October 20th following worship
*Christmas Program – December 8th - Sherri Jischke

***Ministry of Stewardship: Jeff Nichols**

*Had a meeting August 27th
*October 7th – Sewer & plumbing project. Cost is approximately $40,000. During the week of the job, the church will be closed.
*We're in the black; really good month in July; expenses were normal, and donations were high.
*Sidewalk repairs
*Budgeting project for next year will start possibly in November.
*Jeff and Pastor Rob meeting September 18th to go over the stewardship drive
*LakeEdge still hasn't signed the agreement. Marilyn will reach out again.
*Next meeting is September

***Pastor's Updates:**

*Please read Pastor Rob's report 😊

***Council Notes:**

*Computer system – more discussion to come
*Office Remodels – Alanna's office and the church office. A special Thank you to Dan Jischke for getting a superb price on the tile!
*Fall Clean up dates: TBD
*Bench-Time line and location – TBD
*Pastor Rob would like us to be more visible with our recycling initiative
*Wisconsin LGBTQ Chamber – Pastor Rob would like us to be a chamber member. The cost is approximately $100. This would be a good outreach to the community and could drive new members.
*In 2026 - 175th anniversary for UCCNM – Pastor Rob would like us to be planning for this and have a budget item for this.
*Possibly send a letter to Emmanual Church; sorry to hear that your doors are closing, just know that our doors are always open to you if you choose.
*LE Edge – closing for plumbing discussion – Council has decided that we give LakeEdge a one-time credit off rent the week of October 7th while the church is closed during the plumbing project. Jeff will bring this to Ministry of Finance for motion.

Future Projects:
*Open and Affirming – "Now What" Adult Class
*Owl? Wise Congregation – Mary will be attending an Owl event at Daycholah September 15th

Calendar Review:

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING: Kids Kart
September 8 – First day of Sunday School
September 15 – Rally Day – Breakfast before worship
September 22 – Fox Cities Marathon

OCTOBER SPECIAL OFFERING: CROP Walk
October 3 – Council Meeting
October 6 - CROP Walk following worship
October 13 – Set up the Veterans Tree
October 14 – Columbus Day
October 27 – Installation of Pastor Rob
October 27 - All Saints Day
October 20 – UNICEF Halloween Party after worship

NOVEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING:
November 7 – Council Meeting
November 11 – Veterans Tree
November 24 – Hanging of the greens
November 27 – Thanksgiving Meal
November28 - Thanksgiving

DECEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING: Christmas Fund
December 5 – Council Meeting
December 8 – Children's Christmas Program
December 13 -- Live Nativity
December 15 – Blue Christmas 3pm
December 24 – Christmas Eve – 2 Services – 4pm and 11pm
December 25 - Christmas

January 2 – Council Meeting
January 5 – Taking down of the greens
January -- Budget Hearings

February 2 – Annual Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 7:51pm with the Lord's Prayer.
Respectfully submitted,

Jenn Abing

Next Meeting: October 3, 2024, at 6:30pm