CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST NEENAH/ MENASHA

Ministry Council Minutes
March 6, 2025

Present: Mary Janness, Connie Regazzi, Alanna Smith (for Dawn Welling), Marilyn Kostrzak (for Jeff Nichols), Pastor Rob, Terri Flesburg, Sue Dollhopf, Signa Meyers,
Missing: Dawn Welling, Jeff Nichols, Scott Olson, Sheri Jischke
Guest: Kevin Shumann
Gathering Devotion: April will be Mary Janness
Joys and Concerns were shared
Quorum Count and Minutes taken by: Marilyn Kostrzak - There is a quorum for a meeting.
Agenda Adjustment: no adjustments
Approval of the consent agenda

Last month's minutes – approved by all

Consent Agenda Items

Item	**Owner**	**Minutes Received**
Ministry of Spiritual Life	Terri	Received
Ministry of Service	Mary	Received
Ministry of Faith Development	Alanna (attending in place of Dawn)	Received
Ministry of Stewardship	Marilyn (attending in place of Jeff)	Received
Treasurer's Report	Marilyn (attending in place of Jeff)	Received
Pastor's Report	Pastor Rob	Received

Spiritual Life – discussion regarding changing the summer events. Having a picnic after worship was discussed. Fried Chicken picnic - July 20 after worship was the decision. Church will provide the meat – side dishes will be potluck. Funds could be requested from the CEF since this was not budgeted for.

Service – HFH speaker in March during worship. Pat and Mary visited HFH (Kevin, Dan, Pat, Mary are the 401 committee.) Church members seem to be committed to making this happen. Possibilities are to do it with another church. Build would be 2027. Moving forward the HFH 401 Build will be under Ministry Council. Pat will be the lead. Service Sunday will be in May. The event will start at church. March 30 will be next meeting.

Faith Development – 4 new families have been attending. Irish lunch was cancelled because of lack of volunteers. Other fundraisers are in place. Working on putting together a sub-committee for fundraising.

Stewardship – Clarify that the surplus went into the FFF fund. Kevin is getting the Building Improvement team together. Looking at getting lighter tables to replace the current Fellowship Hall tables. HFH Build fund will be a temporarily restricted fund with a revenue component. This will need to be voted on at a congregational meeting. $200 was approved for Council to fund Ash Wed meal.

Building Improvement Team – Narthex has been cleaned up, painting will be done, flooring will be done. Chairs will be reupholstered. Steeple light will be repaired. Looking at adding a fence to help LELC with outdoor activities.

Pastor's Report – as submitted – has done a couple home visits. May 25 is a vacation day – Gina will be preaching. June 8 is Annual meeting and gone – Paige is preaching. Lisa Hart July 27 may be the preacher. Camp week (Study leave) – Aug 17 gone and Paige will be preaching.

Discussion Agenda:

Old Business:

1. HFH Funding Recommendation for April Congregational Meeting – update given in Stewardship report
2. Name Badges – Removal of all old name badges—Status update and any additional needs – Marilyn has this all cleaned up.

New Business:

1. Lenten Meals Schedule Sign up—Pastor – Starting Sunday, March 9, there will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Announcements will be made every Sunday. Remind to bring place setting.
2. Adult Education/Continuing Education—Alanna – Workshop – The Singular Day – June 1 – multi-generational workshop for Open and Affirming. Lunch after church – adult only workshop. Kids will have childcare provided. Facilitator will be talking with the kids as well. Topic is gender and pronouns learning. Teaching will be age appropriate. Help with ongoing education of Open and Affirming. There is no cost. Local donation to a Pride Club at the high schools in Neenah and Menasha. Since this is non-budgeted – a request needs to be sent to Stewardship for funds needed.
3. Future Council Members and Openings—Signa and Pastor – Five openings need to be filled. Jenn Abing has resigned to the Council Secretary role is open. Signa and Rob are working on filling the roles and if some roles need to be left open – it's more important to have the right people in the places.
4. Constitutional Review—Signa and Pastor – Pastor does get a vote on the Council. When chairperson isn't able to attend – a representative is sent to the Council and has a vote and voice. Visioning is the role of the Council. Rob would like to get this started. 3-4 people sub-team to look at the Constitution and By-laws for changes. Make recommendations for a new vision. Our structure is tied to our vision. This process takes some time to complete – a minimum of 6 months to have a recommendation made.

   Rob would like 3-4 people to work with to review the Constitution and By-laws who have institutional knowledge and review a new structure. Rob would like the support of the council and a list of names that Rob can work with and report to the council. Vision and goals should be created for the church and for each ministry. Get names to Pastor Rob by March 16.
5. Recycling Class – Mary brought this up as an option to learn more information on what to recycle and how. Mary will call the resource to see if they will come to give a presentation.

6. Craft Sale hosting – is this something we would want to host. Amy Boehnline may be interested in. Connie will follow up with Amy and see if there is any interest.
7. Social events – There seems to be an interest in creating opportunities for social events. Someone would need to head it up to organize the opportunity. Mary and Alanna have an interest in seeing this happen. This will come under the direction of Spiritual Life when questions or needs come up.

Calendar Events:
March 5 – Ash Wednesday
March 9 – Staff Appreciation Day
March 6 – Council Meeting
March 10 – Pizza Ranch Fundraiser – 4pm-8pm
March 14 – Youth Group – 6pm-8pm
March 30 – Ministry of Service-11:30 am

April 3 – Council Meeting
April 6 – Congregational Meeting to elect new officers
April 11 – Youth Group – 6pm-8pm
April 13 – Cinnamon Roll Sale
April 17 – Maundy Thursday
April 20 – Easter Sunday
April 27 – Teacher Appreciation Day

May 2 – Council Meeting
May 4 – Confirmation Sunday
May 9 – Youth Group – 6pm-8pm

June 1 – Graduation Sunday (4 High School Graduates)
June 5 – Council Meeting
June 13-14 – Rummage Sale & Brat Fry/Bake Sale
June 15 – Outdoor Worship – Father's Day
June 21 – Pride Fest – Jones Park Appleton

July 20 – Outdoor worship – fried chicken picnic

Lord's Prayer – we closed with prayer.
Next meeting: April 3, 2025
Next Devotion: Mary Janness