

FCCW Church Council
April 13, 2021 via Zoom
Approved on May 11, 2021

Present: Ashley Alderman, Laura Bond, Charles Bottieri, Carl Davis, Lynn Davis, Rev. Kevin Downer, Bob Kirk, Debby Kirk, Bruce Lyman, Sam Lyman, Christina Manuilow, Leilani Nixon, Jim Nowak, Lisa Nowak, Kathy Packard, Rick Singh, Tom Singleton, Bruce Staehle, Charlene Swanson, Jacob Vicente, Paula Wilmot, Carl Wisnosky

1. **Welcome:** Moderator, Bob Kirk opened the meeting at 7:03 PM.

2. **Devotions:** Rev. Downer read from Matthew 5:13-15 and shared the music video *O Happy Day* from Sister Act.

3. **Minutes:** acting clerk Debby Kirk

MOTION: In order to insure transparency and follow proper procedure, Council shall approve minutes with a vote from the gathered group, rather than via email between meetings. Charles B / Carl W.
Motion passed.

MOTION: To approve the corrected Minutes of the March 9, 2021 Council meeting. Tom S / Laura B.
Motion passed.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Carl Davis shared financial report that is posted online. PPP loan from 2021 was forgiven and loan application for 2021 has been accepted.

MOTION: Accept the report. Bruce S. / Carl W. Motion passed.

5. **Pastor's Report:** Rev. Kevin expressed gratitude for birthday wishes. Kevin shared his report on the Lenten Conversations around mission and purpose (found online). Kevin asked Council members to consider the plans for Vision and Values Initiative outlined in this report and come to the May Council meeting prepared to respond.

6. **News Briefs:** reports from Deacons, Outreach, and Trustees are posted on the website.

- **Benefit for Community Kitchens:** Bob K shared that Seana Weaver will run a Woodstock, CT Marathon as a benefit for Community Kitchens. Friends are encouraged to make a donation and also gather to send her off at 8 am on Saturday, April 24 as she departs from the church. Information will be posted on our facebook page, webpage, as well as in the weekly email announcements.

- **SNEUCC meetings:** Debby K shared information about the April 28 Windham Association meeting which will feature a presentation about Stewardship and Proportional Giving as well as the May 8 Annual Meeting. Both are online and Rev. Kevin has share details in the weekly announcements.

MOTION: Bob Kirk and Charlene Swanson to serve as FCCW delegates to the SNEUCC Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 8. Debby K / Tom S. Motion passed.

- **Prayer Chain:** Charlene reported that Deacons are reviewing policies about privacy settings and

duration around the prayer chain.

7. Old Business

October Craft Fair: Covid Administration team has reviewed the request to use the church for the October Craft Fair. Task team does not recommend an indoor gathering, nor opening of church for access to restroom facilities. Team suggests that any food service should be via take-out from kitchen window.

MOTION: To invite Karen Olah's Craft Group to hold an outdoor fair on our church lawn. Carl D./Charles.

AMENDMENT: FCCW reserves the right to cancel the event should Covid concerns increase following state guidelines. Sam/Charles B. Amendment passed. Original motion passed.

8. New Business

- **Reopening the building for in person worship**

MOTION: To hold in-person worship outdoors (weather permitting) on May 23, Pentecost Sunday. Charlene / Charles. Motion passed.

This is contingent upon having equipment which provides quality sound amplification and the technology share worship recordings. The suggestion was made to have a midweek deadline to check the Sunday weather forecast in order to allow time to shift to a fully pre-recorded service.

- **Reopening the building for outside groups**

Decide on a case-by-case basis, depending on request for use.

MOTION: To request that the Covid Administration Team develop recommendations for each of the following three requested uses: a single person for music practice, weekly AA meetings, and Scouts. Debby/Charlene. Motion passed.

9. **MOTION** to Adjourn was made at 9:13 PM, followed by closing prayer by Bruce S.