

## **First Congregational Church of Woodstock**

MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING (Approved)

Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

In attendance: Rev. Dr. Kevin Downer, Bob Kirk (Moderator), Laura Bond, Charles Bottieri, Carl Davis, Lynn Davis, Debby Kirk, Bruce Lyman, Alexandra (Sam) Lyman, Christina Manuilow, Leilani Nixon, Jim Nowak, Karen Olah, Kathy Packard, Jeff Perkins, Tom Singleton, Bruce Staehle, Holly Ware, Paula Wilmot, Carl Wisnosky

### Welcome

- Moderator, Bob Kirk opened the meeting at 7:04 pm.

### Opening Devotion

- Rev. Kevin shared a version of Psalm 27 from Nan Merrill

### Clerk's Report

- Laura reported that the May minutes were shared via email for review by Council meeting attendees.
- MOTION: to approve the May 11<sup>th</sup> regular Council meeting minutes as well as the special Council meeting minutes of May 25<sup>th</sup>, Carl W./2<sup>nd</sup> Bruce S. Motion passed.

### Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's report submitted by Carl Davis. Trustees are monitoring pledges which may appear a little behind at this point, but this is not a concern due to large pledges that are expected later in the year.
- Maintenance costs are up right now but this is normal fluctuation. Squeaky Clean (cleaning service) will be added to maintenance budget line (505.104). Cleaning was originally accounted for in the Sexton budget line which has been discontinued.
- MOTION: to approve the Treasurer's report, Lynn/2<sup>nd</sup> Sam L. Motion passed.

### Pastor's Report

- Summer Union Services (9:00 am) start in July at FCCW with Rev. Danielle Arnett Keller filling in for Rev. Sue Foster. August services will be at EWCC. Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> will *not* be a union service, EWCC will be holding a special service to welcome back Pastor Sue. Our service will be at 9:00 am in our sanctuary.
- Our first indoor service last Sunday was a wonderful joint effort with very good energy.
- There are two in-person memorial services coming up. Protocols will be the same as for other in-person services.
- SHARE will be one combined volume for the months of July and August
- We will start planning for the future of our music ministry, hopefully having a music director by the beginning of October.
- Rev. Kevin requests meeting attendees send suggestions for members of the Visioning team.

### News Briefs

- See Board and Committee Reports

### Old Business

- Use of our church facilities by outside groups
  - AA - will be meeting in our building starting Mon. June 14th
    - Keep a record of attendees for COVID contact tracing purposes

- Cleaning guidelines: use common sense reflecting current pandemic information and current Sunday Service practices
- Boy Scout Troop 27
  - Bob K spoke with Vicki Embree. They have made alternative plans for the summer but would like to return to indoor meetings in our building in the fall.
  - MOTION: To communicate to Boy Scout Troop 27 leaders that we welcome their return to regular use of our downstairs rooms this September, with the provision that a change in the state of the pandemic may require us to make a revision. Tom S./2<sup>nd</sup> Paula. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Bob K will communicate with Vicky Embry
- Adult Yoga Classes
  - Anthony Pezetti, Recreation Director for the Town of Woodstock requested to use the downstairs room for an Adult Summer Yoga class on Mondays 6-7:30 pm.
  - If allowed, classes would need to be on a day other than Mondays due to conflict with Community Kitchen and AA already using the building.
  - New request for use of the facility normally goes through Trustees first.
  - MOTION: We approve use of the church for this Adult Yoga class to be held on a weeknight, other than Mondays, subject to the regular application and approval process with the Board of Trustees. Tom S./2<sup>nd</sup> Paula. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Bob K will contact Anthony Pezetti
- Tag Sale held Sat. June 5th
  - Deb Kirk reports the sale attracted a lot of guests. Income over \$800 from six vendors on church lawn and a couple satellite vendors.
  - Money will be used by Board of Outreach for hunger initiatives

#### New Business

- Arts & Crafts Fair - Karen Olah
  - Scheduled for Oct. 16 & 17 (weekend of Roseland Festival).
  - 14 artists have signed up and paid, 10 of those would prefer to be inside.
  - Karen recommends no more than 8 vendors indoors.
  - MOTION: To open the Arts & Crafts Festival in October to indoor as well as outdoor vendors, at the discretion of Karen Olah. Carl D./2<sup>nd</sup> Bruce S. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Jim N and Charles B will consider a proposal for food at the festival, discussion tabled until September meeting.
- Chicken BBQ at Woodstock Fair
  - Our booth will be open.
  - John Cimochowski stated at last Sunday's service that he will require all workers to be vaccinated.
- Next Council meeting: July or August?
  - MOTION: The next meeting of Council will be August 10<sup>th</sup> unless a special Council meeting is required in the interim. Sam L./2<sup>nd</sup> Lynn D. Motion passed unanimously.
- MOTION to Adjourn at 8:12 pm. Deb K./2<sup>nd</sup> Carl D. Motion passed unanimously.
- Closing prayer from Christina M. "Fluent" by John O'Donohue