

The July, 2020 Carillon

Greetings everyone,

The following are the minutes from the June 22 Executive Council meeting. I am sending you the minutes taken by clerk Susan Stewart instead of a summary because of the limited activity of some of the Boards and Committees due to our shut down mode.

Pastor Jarvie is sending pre-service scripture readings and a short note about the upcoming Sunday message to everyone midweek. Homework!!

I hope you all are staying safe and well and I hope to see you on a Sunday when you feel comfortable with attending the service.

Blessings,
Gary Hooker, Moderator

First Congregational Church Executive Council Minutes June 22, 2020

Present: Gary Hooker-Moderator, Pat Krehn-Vice Moderator, Ann Werner-Charitable Giving, Jack Butterick-sitting in for the Deacons, Stacy Church-Board of Christian Education, John Cooper-Board of Trustees, Jean Morehouse-Women's Fellowship, Jack Stewart-Technology Board, Susan Stewart-Clerk

Absent:

Many attendees connected by phone. Gary Hooker opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes from the May 26th meeting were approved by John Cooper and seconded by Jack Stewart.

- I. Public Comment - No public comment.
- II. Board Reports:

A. Charitable Giving – Ann Werner -nothing new.

B. Board of Deacons – Report was given by Jack Butterick. He shared the following:

1. For our soft opening on June 14th there were 20 in attendance.
2. On June 21st which we celebrated Easter there were 30 in attendance.
3. On June 18th the Board of Deacons met with the tech board and discussed video taping our services weekly. Jeff Stewart and Deb Emerick are looking into it.
4. Starting the 28th we would like to have “God Moments” each week. This would run 9:30-9:45 prior to church. It will give people an opportunity to share with others how God has been working in our lives this week.
5. Possible changes to the worship service might include:
 - a. More blended service
 - b. More praise songs
 - c. Sharing of “God’s Moments”
6. Remember to send all activities to Lorene in time for her to post it.
7. We are currently looking for overnight accommodations for Pastor Jarvie due to his 8-hour travel time for each service. It was suggested possibly the Lindners might have a solution.

A. Board of Christian Education – Stacy Church-no report.

B. Board of Trustees – John Cooper

1. John presented the summary financial statement for June 2020. Income was at 55% of budget. Expenses came in at 35% of budget. We are still doing quite well.
2. We are still looking for a lift to get up to the roof of the steeple. Stacy Church might have a lead on a lift.
3. Our Lost and Found policy is to hold items for 24 hours prior to sale. This has been changed to a month.
4. The buyer interested in the lot on the north side withdrew his offer. We have signed a contract with Coldwell Bankers.

A. Women’s Fellowship Jean Morehouse – nothing new to report.

B. Men's Fellowship – no report.

C. Technology Board – Jack Stewart

1. The tech board installed a timer on the exhaust fan to automatically turn the fan on Saturday night.
2. Online services – have been researching creating a video of the live service. Having problems getting it online due to size.
3. Researching other methods such as live streaming and after the fact streaming.
4. Emailed out a survey to the congregation to gauge the interest in online services. Not many responses have been returned.
5. The phone service has been changed to AT&T

A. Security Committee - Gary Hooker – COVID measures:

- a. The blue Xes have been removed due to the tape life. After two weeks it could leave marks or stains.
- b. Looking into self-contained packets for communion.

I. Gary Hooker moved to accept the board reports. A pair of Jacks seconded the motion. All reports were accepted.

II. Old Business

A. Georgia Paxton memorial services – Jack Butterick will be the Master of Ceremonies. It is scheduled for August 22nd. Jack will contact family regarding arrangements, if any, regarding food. The possibility of a luncheon will have to be played by ear.

B. Gary Hooker will form a new committee to look for a new minister this week. It was agreed that no review of the list was needed prior to action.

III. New Business

A. Voicemail needs to be changed from “no services being held”. Gary will talk to Lorene.

- III. Gary Hooker closed with prayer and the meeting was adjourned.
- IV. The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday July 27th in the church library. A phone connection will be available for those who would rather call in.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Stewart, clerk

Pastor Mark & Kathryn Jarvie: (The following article appeared in the June 24th Times Indicator)



Rev. Mark Jarvie and wife Kathryn plan to be there on Sunday, June 21 when First Congregational Church of Fremont resumes worship at 714 Hillcrest.

Fremont

Congregational church welcomes interim pastor

The First Congregational Church of Fremont recently appointed Rev. Mark L. Jarvie as the church's interim minister, effective May 21.

Pastor Jarvie has been leading the congregation in worship via the internet for a month. He will be with the church in Fremont starting Sunday, June 21.

Rev. Jarvie received his initial training in pastoral ministry through the Lay Ministry Training Program of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches. He was ordained and served as pastor of the First Congregational Church in Lake Odessa for 19 years.

Pastor Jarvie earned a Master's Degree in Spiritual Formation and

Leadership from the Theology Department of Spring Arbor University and then had formal training in Spiritual Direction at the Sustainable Faith School of Spiritual Direction. Pastor Jarvie and his wife Kathryn reside in retirement in Cheboygan, Mich.

Mark Jarvie describes himself as an avid fisherman.

The services of First Congregational Church of Fremont are held at 10 a.m. on Sundays at 714 Hillcrest Dr. in Fremont, www.fremontfcc.org.

The congregation will wear masks and observe social distancing precautions when it regathers in person, beginning Sunday.

Our Church Family:

Sympathy ~

We extend our sympathy to **Dave and Linda White**. Dave's sister, Susan White Rockwell passed away on Monday, June 1 at the age of 82.

We extend our sympathy to **Carol and Bill Black**. Carol's sister passed away on Sunday morning, June 28 following a battle with Parkinson's disease.

New Grandparents ~

Congratulations to Craig and Susan Zeerip on the birth of a new granddaughter, Adeline Mae Zeerip. Adeline was born to Jena and Justin Zeerip of Hesperia on May 24.



July Birthdays

1	Mary Zeerip
7	Michael Stroschin
11	Sophia Robeck
16	Ruth Cowles
17	Searl Frei
19	Shelli Waldo
23	June Britt Jennifer Dekleva
24	Gary Llewellyn
31	Jennifer Tuuk



July Anniversaries

22	Bernie & Lissa Denney
26	Ted & Barb Clark
28	Michael & Michelle Sweet

Book Circle:

After consulting several members of our Book Circle, Ann decided not to schedule Book Circle for the remainder of the year due to the uncertainty with the Covid-19.

If you have any questions Ann can be reached at home. 924-0192



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the
Fremont
Area
District
Library
August 4th

The FADL needs to increase funding to better serve the community. The FADL is requesting 1.25 mill for 10 years on the August 4th primary ballot. This is first millage request in over 20 years.



- To increase operating hours
- To upgrade computer technology and implement a plan to keep up to date with emerging technologies
- To increase number of materials, both physical and digital
- To better support programming like summer reading, live @ the library, crafts and others
- Cost to the average homeowner \$85 per year

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

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