

Present: Moderator Anne Hoekstra, Diane Highnam, Tim Ahrens, Bonnie Rickert, Kay Thuesen, Craig Driver, Laurie Allbaugh, Lauren Reisinger, Paul Greene, Jim Stevenson, Gina Greene, and Keith Jorgensen.  
Staff: Rev. Bret Myers, Michelle Wolfe, Abbie Greene, and Luke Overton.

Moderator Hoekstra called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM using ZOOM technology. Rev. Myers shared a conversation he had with Hildegard Larsen just prior to a scheduled surgery for her for our moments of Reflection.

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the May 11, 2021 meeting. **Paul Greene / Kay Thuesen / Carried**

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer David Allbaugh was not present for the meeting. However, he did submit a written report, which is attached. There were no questions for Office Manager Wolfe, who was available for such. In general, the report indicated the operating budget is in good order. Particular note was made that as of July 1, 2021, Church funds previously managed by the Endowment Committee for Memorial and Capital accounts were withdrawn and an Agency Account owned by the church was created outside the Endowment Fund. See the report for full details.

**Motion:** To approve the Treasurer's report. **Jim Stevenson / Laurie Allbaugh / Carried**

**Staff Reports:**

**Music Director:** See attached written report. Luke Overton noted that fall activities are still a work in progress.

**Youth Director:** See attached written report. Abbie Greene noted that Sunday School materials have been ordered and stressed the need for teachers. Moderator Hoekstra thanked Abbie for her work in our church website.

**Office Manager:** See attached written report. Michelle Wolfe had no additions; however, she noted the new church directory is completed and over 75 have been picked up.

**Senior Minister:** Rev. Myers offered several points for his report. He feels the outside worship services have gone well. A Tri-Conference meeting was held recently in electronic format and went well. However, it was noted that a lack of official delegates did prevent voting on issues. The history of the church timeline project is nearly complete and he would like a small volunteer committee to be formed to finalize, analyze and present the results to the membership to give guidance moving forward. He feels the committee could complete the work in two weeks or less. He shared that he had done a graveside service for Sally Walker and an in-church memorial service for Donna Sheridan. He has become a part of a couple of Cedar Valley ministerial groups recently. With COVID issues occurring within the church building recently, he has provided staff with instructions to safely deal with the issue. Rev. Myers closed his report sharing he had invited area ministers and anyone else interested with a "Douglas Fredrick" speech event, however, a low response prevented the project from happening.

**Board Reports:**

**Social Causes and Justice:** See attached written report. Laurie Allbaugh added that she be notified of any other events of interest upcoming. Diane Highnam added she would be looking for up to 50 members willing to join Crop Walk. Tim Ahrens shared that Community Meal are on hold and would be a month-to-month decision.

**Creative Ministries:** See attached written report. Paul Greene shared the Ayanna Gregory presentation scheduled for September 11 has been placed on hold but was hopeful it could be postponed and still held in our sanctuary, given the historical significances.

**Spiritual Growth and Programs:** See attached written report. Tim Ahrens reported Rally Day is being planned with the usual food and games in an outside setting.

**Physical Resources:** Moderator Hoekstra reported we have received the insurance check for the water damage earlier this year and repairs will now be scheduled.

**Spiritual Life and Care:** See attached written report. Gina Greene reported on the loss of several members of the committee. The Nominating Committee will aid in recruiting additional members for the committee. The Deacon In Charge function will begin in September.

#### **Committees:**

**Endowment:** See attached written report. Jim Stevenson reviewed his report, noting the Endowment Fund balance is on target to reach its original donation corpus amount in January of 2022. See the report for full details.

**Grin and Grow:** Moderator Hoekstra reported grants have been received for relocating the playground equipment. She shared that staff is short with recruiting efforts under way. COVID issues have required closing the upstairs rooms for the moment. A recent DHS inspection went well.

**Love Inc:** Kay Thuesen reported a change in top leadership for the organization. Our church website was made available for donations to the organization.

**Reopening Committee:** See attached written report. Tim Ahrens reported they are meeting on a regular basis and monitoring the COVID situation in Black Hawk County. It will be no indoor church services for the time being.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Moderator Hoekstra opened a conversation on the “energy level” within the church. COVID has challenged us to maintain our energy level and boards and committees need to maintain contact with members to aid in the effort. When possible, in person meeting of small groups are encouraged.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Keith Jorgensen, Clerk