

Parish Council Minutes – August 4, 2020

Moderator Bruce Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. In attendance on Zoom: Bruce Weaver, Rev. Nancy Rottman, Chuck Cotting, Debbie Cotting, Katherine Decker, Scott DeSantis, Jill DiGiorgio, Linda Ladd, Jeff Law, Jim Marshall, Annmarie Pendola, and Laraine Wilson. Jeff offered the meditation. Minutes from 6/22/2020 were approved with unanimous consent.

Pastor Report: Rev. Nancy Rottman provided updates on the state of the church, virtual worship and Zoom gatherings, congregational care, and looking ahead to plans for eventual reopening. The second Parking Lot Communion was held on August 2. We will be wrapping up our Sacred Earth, Sacred Work series on August 30. Nancy will be attending a virtual planning retreat through Worship Design Studio. She will also be meeting with Peg Sallade, Coordinator of A Healthy Lynnfield to discuss diversity/bias training and how we can collaborate for community engagement. The Adult Discussion Group is on hiatus during the summer, but is planning to resume in September. The Wednesday Midweek Prayer & Support has continued throughout the summer.

Financial Reports: Treasurer Jeff Law provided Council with an update regarding the potential financial impact presented with the current pandemic, as well as an update on the closing of the FY20 budget.

Education: Laraine Wilson reported that the Faith Formation Team delivered 19 Church-To-Go boxes, using the Whole People of God Curriculum to church families. These boxes contained lessons and activities for parents to do with their children. The Zoom Parent Support Group dropped to once a month over the summer, and the plan is to increase frequency in September. Under the Tent is on hiatus until after Labor Day.

Outreach: Linda Ladd reported that the Outreach Ministry Team continues to match donations made by church members to organizations hit hard by the Covid-19 pandemic. The Centre Church Cyclers raised money for the virtual Reid's Ride and would like to thank everyone from Centre Church who donated to the cause. Linda will be attending the Citizens Inn virtual gala on Saturday, August 8.

Diaconate: Annmarie Pendola reported that the Deacons continue to assist with contacting church members who are on the Congregation Care List. The Deacons also helped with the Parking Lot Communion held on July 12 and August 2. They met on June 25 to discuss Congregational care concerns and updates, preparations for Parking Lot Communion, and thoughts on preparations/changes for future in-person services.

Stewardship: Debbie Cotting provided an update on incoming and outstanding pledges.

Finance: Chuck Cotting reported that our custodian Jose returned to work full time on Monday, July 27. Scott has completed work on updating Tower Day rooms 12 and 21. Chuck and Scott are working with Leah and Terri on acquiring supplies for Tower Day's planned re-opening in September.

Current Topics: Chuck provided an update on repairs related to the sprinkler head flood. There was a discussion regarding re-opening on the church. Tower Day's re-opening plan has been approved and they continue to work on getting ready for re-opening in September. The Annual Report will need to be completed for the Annual

meeting, which will be on Sunday, September 20 to be held both virtually and in the parking lot. A rain date is set for Sunday, September 27.

Old/New Business: To celebrate the 300th Birthday of the church, there will be a Zoom Birthday Celebration on Monday, August 17.

There being no further business, Council voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Decker, Recording Secretary

Next Meeting: Monday, August 31 2020 @ 7pm

Meditation – Jim Marshall