

Parish Council Minutes – August 31, 2020

Moderator Bruce Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:07 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 Larainne Wilson. Jim offered the meditation. Minutes from 8/4/2020 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 third Parking Lot Communion will be held on September 6. We finished up our Sacred Earth, Sacred Work series on August 30. The fall theme will be “A Way Out of No Way” and the virtual worship services will go up on YouTube at 10am on Sundays. The Lynnfield Clergy will be supporting A Night of Hope on Sunday, September 20. The Adult Discussion Group, which had been hiatus during the summer, will be resuming on Thursdays in September. The Wednesday Midweek Prayer & Support will also continue.

Financial Reports: Treasurer Jeff Law provided Council with an update/summary of the final FY20 budget. He also presented the preliminary FY21 Budget. Following a discussion, Parish Council unanimously approved a motion to accept the FY21 budget as presented.

Education: Larainne Wilson provided an update on Church School. Larainne will cover 1st Sundays with Illustrated Ministries Materials. Planning is underway regarding Godly Play for the other Sundays. The Zoom Parent Support Group will return to weekly gatherings beginning September 10. Parking Lot Popsicles and the Blessing of the Backpacks will be held on Saturday, September 12. Monthly Youth Group gatherings will begin in October with a socially distant, parking lot gathering of pizza and games.

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.

Diaconate: Annmarie Pendola reported that the Deacons continue to assist with contacting church members who are on the Congregation Care List. The Deacons will help with the Parking Lot Communion held on September 6. They will have a Zoom meeting in mid/late September to discuss personal updates, Congregational care concerns, future services, and suggestions for possible events for next year.

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

Finance: Chuck Cotting reported that Scott and Jose completed the two Tower Day classrooms as well as numerous other maintenance projects. Hands-free paper towel dispensers and 16 hand sanitizer dispensers have been installed. Tower Day is starting up in early September. Following another small leak on Thursday, August 27, Metro Swift returned to assess the leak and conduct repairs.

Current Topics: Chuck provided an update on repairs related to the sprinkler head flood. The Annual meeting will be on Sunday, September 20 on Zoom. Those who are interested in attending are requested to register in advance to assure a quorum.

There being no further business, Council voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Decker, Recording Secretary

Next Meeting: Monday, September 28 2020 @ 7pm

Meditation – Annmarie Pendola