

Parish Council Meeting Minutes  
August 29, 2017

In attendance: Bruce Weaver, Jeff Law, Linda Ladd, Jill DiGiorgio, Scott DeSantis, Laraine Wilson, Anmarie Pendola, Chuck Cotting, Debbie Cotting, John Sievers and Lauren Donadio

Moderator Bruce Weaver convened the meeting at 7:05pm.

I. Welcome and introduction of Laraine Wilson, Director of Faith Formation

II. Approval of Parish Council Meeting Minutes from 5/30/17 by unanimous consent.

III. Pastor's Report - Rev Jamie Howard had successful bridge term

- A. She will have option of coming back on 9/10/17 as guest
- B. Will send her a picture of her commemorative brick

IV. Financial Report - Jeff Law

- . FY 2017 results
  - 1. Surplus due to staff transitions and savings from expenses
  - 2. Slight increase in income
  - 3. Better than budget for Pledges and Fundraising
  - 4. Operating, investment, memorial, and endowment funds are up
  - 5. Tower Day is very successful
  - 6. Continue to look into building up endowment while having surplus
- a. Can discuss how to allocate surplus in Spring
- b. Possibility to look into upgrading organ
  - 7. We need to celebrate building improvements!
- A. Looking ahead to FY 2018
  - 1. Pledges are projected to be lower
  - 2. No Supplemental Drive in budget
  - 3. Increase Tower Day contribution
- . Can tweak TD contribution based off projected pledge contribution
  - 4. Increase in expenses is in-line with previous years
  - 5. Projected surplus
- B. Annual meeting - Will present FY 2018 budget to congregation
  - 1. No objection to final budget as presented

V. Faith Formation Ministries Report - Laraine Wilson and Jill DiGiorgio

- . Laraine will attend Godly Play core training in September
- A. Updated registration forms sent out to all families - to be returned 9/10/17
- B. Whole People of God curriculum to be used Communion Sundays
  - 1. Intergenerational lessons
  - 2. Includes Children's Time messages and pageant
  - 3. Total cost for our congregation calculated and will be purchased
- C. Upcoming events - 9/10/17
  - 1. Blessing of the Backpacks during worship service
  - 2. Lunch and Lemonade on the Lawn with Laraine after service
- D. Need volunteers to serve on Faith Formation Ministry Team

VI. Outreach Ministries Report - Linda Ladd

- . Serving at Haven from Hunger 4th Monday of the month
- A. Discussion about setting up a Hurricane Relief Drive for September
  - 1. Jeff will set up online contribution
- B. Receiving another ark from Heifer
- C. Giv2 leaders meeting 8/30
  - 1. Gleaning 10/14 with youth
- D. Social Media Team to restart after the summer
  - 1. Posts to introduce Larraine and update on coming events

VII. Membership Committee Report - John Sievers

- . Shopping cards will start up in the Fall
  1. Options for cash-and-carry cards
  2. Will announce during Parish News
- A. Start planning Fundraisers
  1. Trivia Night/Silent Auction in Feb
  2. AnnMarie offered to start calling restaurants/businesses at Market Street for contributions
- VIII. Diaconate Report - AnnMarie Pendola
  - . Glenn Mortimer to cover pastoral emergencies
  - A. Worship will move to Sanctuary 9/10
    1. Choir will sing
  - B. Nancy Rottman will lead service 9/17
  - C. Request to use Sanctuary, Chapel and Narthex on 11/18 for 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther Reformation
    1. Light refreshments will be served
    2. 150-200 expected attendance
    3. Tony may be needed
  - D. Church Breakfast 10/15
- IX. Stewardship Report - Debbie Cotting
  - . 3 outstanding pledges
  - A. Need final numbers for painting project
- X. Finance and Properties Report - Chuck Cotting and Scott DeSantis
  - . Summer work completed (Thank You, Scott!)
    1. Susan's office
    2. TD walls painted and office carpeting
    3. New plantings
    4. Chapel steps
  - A. Thank you to Mausers for new coffee machine
  - B. Health and safety
    1. Looking into purchasing AED for cabinet donated by Weavers
    2. First aid kits will be updated
    3. Plan for fire/emergency drills in Fall
- XI. Fundraising - Bruce Weaver
  - . Need to meet about Golf Tournament
  - A. Yankee Candles fundraiser planned
- XII. Old Business/New Business
  - . Pastor Call Agreement
    1. Will look over copyright agreement
    2. 9/17 - Candidate Sunday with Nancy Rottman
  - . After service, congregation will meet to discuss terms of call
    3. Opportunities to meet Nancy - 9/14 7-9pm, 9/16 3-6pm
  - A. Annual Meeting 9/24 - Ministry Teams must get reports to Susan ASAP
  - B. Nominating Committee Report
    1. Discussion of officers whose term limits are expiring 2017
  - . Jim Marshall (financial secretary) will extend term
  - a. Lauren Donadio (recording secretary) will extend term
    2. Need to fill many positions
  - . Assistant Treasurer, Assistant Financial Secretary, Auditor
  - a. Suggestions for Parish Council Appointees will be asked
- XIII. Council voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted, Lauren Donadio, Recording Secretary

**Next Meeting: 9/26/17 at 7:00pm**