

Parish Council Minutes - December 2, 2019

Moderator Bruce Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. In attendance: Bruce Weaver, Rev. Nancy Rottman, Katherine Decker, Jill DiGiorgio, Lisa Gerbick, Linda Ladd, Jeff Law, Annmarie Pendola and Larainne Wilson. Bruce offered the meditation. Minutes from 10/28/19 were approved with unanimous consent.

Pastor Report: Rev. Nancy Rottman reported that staff evaluations are being coordinated with a goal to complete them by mid January 2020. The Interfaith Thanksgiving service was well attended. Next year we are aiming for Monday, November 23, 2020 so that our Peabody colleagues may attend as well. The Adult Faith Formation group will look at the Advent Devotional from the series "What Can't Wait" for the month of December. Rev Nancy will host 3 Wednesday evening Advent labyrinth walks. A Blue Christmas service will be held on Sunday, December 8. Noel Smith will play for the service. Rev Nancy would like to establish a small working group in January to review and update our ONA covenant. This 3-4 person group would also help plan our participation in Boston PRIDE in June and plan our 15th ONA Anniversary worship celebration.

300th Committee: The Banquet will be on September 19. Discussion regarding details continues to take place.

Financial Reports: Treasurer Jeff Law reported that our overall loss in the Operating Fund year-to-date is better than last year, but worse than Budget. Our Income is doing better in most categories, while our expenses are doing better than last year, but worse than budget.

Education: Larainne continues to recover and is grateful for all the prayers. Important dates for Church School include the Christmas Pageant on Dec 15, hosting Coffee Hour on Dec 29, and Star Sunday/Care For Creation All Ages Class on Jan 5. The first Middle School Youth Group meeting was on Sunday, November 17 at St. Paul's Episcopal. There was discussion about service project ideas. The next meeting will be December 15 in which they will start the first project, "Spread the Bread." Rev Nancy made Advent kits for families with materials from Illustrated Children's Ministry. We are in need of volunteers for the Nursery, Footprints class, and the Faith Formation Ministry Team. The next FFMT meeting will be Tuesday, December 10 @ 6:30pm.

Outreach: Linda Ladd reported that on Sunday, November 17 we collected and delivered 34 frozen turkeys for a total of 368lbs. Volunteers served "breakfast for dinner" at Haven from Hunger on Monday, Nov 25. On Sunday, November 24 we collected, blessed and delivered food for Ma Duke's Thanksgiving Dinner. Extra food donations also went to Danvers People to People and other local food pantries. The next Green Wagon Sunday is December 15 and we are currently collecting gifts for the Angel Tree. Barbara Langill and Linda attended a 75th Anniversary Celebration for Heifer on November 16. They learned about current Heifer programs, Centre Church was presented with a certificate recognizing support for more than 50 years. Missions and Outreach will host a Living Gift Market on 12/8, 12/15, and 12/22. Fair Trade Goods will continue to be sold after worship services until Christmas. The next M&O meeting is Jan 12.

Membership: Kathy Martin has offered to take over the Shopping Card program. Further discussion will take place in the new year.

Diaconate: Annmarie Pendola reported on Diaconate and worship activities, including the celebration of Baptism of Rory and Finley Carroll on November 10. The Deacons decorated the church for the Christmas Season on November 24. They met on December 1 to discuss various upcoming activities including preparations for the Christmas Concert and Christmas Eve services, Coffee Hour on Dec 8 and Jan 12, and ushering schedule. The Great Pie Challenge will be Jan 12. Dom met with a company regarding the Audio/Visual System and is waiting on an estimate. The annual organ maintenance is scheduled for December 12. The next Diaconate meeting will be Jan 5.

Stewardship: Rev Nancy and Debbie have continued to fine tune dates for the 2020 Stewardship Campaign which will take place in the January/February time frame.

Finance: The sprinkler system continues to have some issues. Metro Swift has given an estimate for replacing the existing corroded sprinkler main piping. Delta Beckwith Elevator also came to evaluate the elevator and we are waiting for their report regarding proposed improvements or replacement.

Fundraising: Our Holiday Craft Fair and Festival of Trees Raffle was very successful, netting \$4,654.00. We are grateful for all the volunteers who donated time, craft supplies, decorations, and raffle items. The Thanksgiving Apple Pie Sale was also successful with an estimated net income of \$900.

Coffee Hour: The schedule for hosting Coffee Hour was discussed and we continue to seek individuals

Old Business/New Business: In old business, discussion regarding MBA dues continued. In terms of new business, an informational meeting for the Israel trip will take place on Sunday, January 5. Those interested in going on the trip will need to be signed up by the end of March.

There being no further business, Council voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Decker, Recording Secretary

Next Meeting: Monday, January 6, 2020 @ 7pm

Meditation - Larainne Wilson