

## Parish Council Minutes - January 27, 2020

Moderator Bruce Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. In attendance: Bruce Weaver, Rev. Nancy Rottman, Chuck Cotting, Debbie Cotting, Katherine Decker, Scott DeSantis, Lisa Gerbick, Linda Ladd, Jeff Law, Jim Marshall, Annmarie Pendola and Laraine Wilson. Chuck offered the meditation. Minutes from 1/6/2020 were approved with unanimous consent.

Pastor Report: Rev. Nancy Rottman reported the staff will be meeting in early February to plan for Lent and Easter. Nancy and the Lynnfield Clergy will attend Mental Health First Aid training for Youth in March. The Bible Study group is currently reading a study of the Beatitudes, *Blessed at the Broken Places: Reclaiming Faith and Purpose with the Beatitude*, and in the process of deciding the Lenten study. Laraine, the Deacons and Nancy will meet to set a date for a meeting for those interested in becoming members. Despite some struggles by members of the care team, flower deliveries continue and members/friends continue to support one another with cards, visits, meals, rides, etc.

Financial Reports: Following a discussion regarding MBA dues, Council voted on a motion to pay the outstanding balance for 2019 and scrub the membership roles prior to receiving the 2020 bill. An additional motion was unanimously passed to update the computer in the church office.

Education: Laraine Wilson reported that we have reposted the position of Church School Assistant for the Footprints class that remains unfilled. The Middle School Youth Group met on January 26 to make chocolate chip bread for the Lynnfield Crossing Guards and three church members. The next meeting will be on February 23. The Faith Formation Ministry Team is looking for volunteers to help run stations at our Autism Awareness Event on Saturday, April 4. Additionally, they are looking for a parent volunteer for our O & A Committee. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Laraine. Church School students will be baking Lenten muffins on Sundays in March. Looking ahead, other upcoming events include Children's Sunday on Sunday, June 7 with a theme of "Caring for Creation," and an all ages class, "An Awesome Adventure" for children in grades K-6 each week in the summer. The next FFMT meeting will be Tuesday, February 11.

Outreach: Linda Ladd reported on the activities of Outreach Ministries, including the blessing of the Green Wagon full of food and toiletries, and hosting coffee hour on January 26. Members of the M & O team served dinner at Haven from Hunger on Monday, January 27. The next volunteer day is February 24 and the suggested donation items for February are canned and boxed meals. Our 2019 framed Ark Award arrived and has been hung in the Narthex along with our other awards. Many thanks to Scott DeSantis and Chuck Cotting for re-organizing and installing the display of the Ark Awards. We received an invitation to the Bread and Roses' volunteer recognition event to take place on January 31. The next M & O meeting is February 23.

Diaconate: Annmarie Pendola reported on Diaconate and worship activities including The Great Pie Challenge on January 12, which was well attended, and guest musician Noel Smith on January 19. There are some ongoing issues with the organ and we have received an estimate for the audio and visual system. The Deacons will meet on February 9 to discuss the Ash Wednesday Service on Feb 26, and hosting Coffee Hour on February 16 and March 8. During the March meeting there will be discussions around

Palm Sunday and Cantata (April 5), Maundy Thursday (April 9), Easter (April 12), possible events for April/May, and the ushering schedule for March and April.

Stewardship: The Stewardship Campaign, "The Way," will begin on February 2, and Commitment Sunday will be on February 23.

Finance: Chuck Cotting reported on the various 2020 maintenance projects. Scott replaced the window over the old dishwasher that has failed and rotted with a new sliding window. As previously reported, the Ark Awards have been re-arranged and re-installed in the Narthex. Trim was replaced in the center stairway and the walls painted. PDA Electrical installed a dimmer switch in the Narthex. Metro Swift Sprinkler completed replacing the existing corroded sprinkler main piping in the attic over the Sanctuary.

Fundraising: Trivia Night and Silent Auction will be Saturday, February 8 and the theme will be 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. There will also be a fundraiser at Anthony's Coal Fire Pizza on Tuesday, February 25.

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

There being no further business, Council voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Decker, Recording Secretary

**Next Meeting: Monday, March 2, 2020 @ 7pm**

**Meditation - Debbie Cotting**