

Parish Council Minutes

January 28, 2014

In attendance: Bruce Weaver, Margaret Waugh, Barbara Langill, Kathi Martin, Carrie Pericola, Jeff Law, Jim Marshall, Chuck Cotting, Debbie Cotting, and Rev. Dennis Bailey.

Moderator Bruce Weaver convened the meeting at 7:05 P.M. Margaret Waugh offered the meditation.

Council approved the minutes of the January 7, 2014 meeting.

Pastor Report: Rev. Bailey reported that he has been talking with potential supply pastors to cover for his sabbatical. He, Bruce Weaver, and Margaret Waugh will meet with some of the candidates soon. Rev. Bailey reviewed pastoral concerns and his January worship-related activities. He is working to schedule three baptisms, and there is a wedding scheduled for March 14. Rev. Bailey met with the Lynnfield Clergy Association on January 14, and he will teach the Confirmation Class on February 2. Rev. Bailey will be on vacation from March 7 to March 17. The Stewardship Committee will preach on March 9. Rev. Bailey will schedule a date to induct the new members who were not able to attend the Membership Induction on December 15.

Financial Reports: Treasurer, Jeff Law had no new information since the Jan 7 meeting. His report at that meeting contained data through December 31, 2013. Financial Secretary, Jim Marshall noted that the Christmas offering totaled \$2686. Over \$50,000 has been collected for the Raise the Roof Campaign.

Christian Education Report: Barbara Langill reported that February 2 will be a family-friendly service, and the sermon will be based on the Beatitudes. Rotation workshops are scheduled for February 9 and 23. Four youth and two adults volunteered at Haven From Hunger on January 20. On Feb. 2, the youth will collect donations for the Souper Bowl of Caring. The group will go snow tubing on Feb. 9. The Confirmands and their mentors will meet with Rev. Bailey on Feb. 2. Kathi Martin will meet with the Confirmands' parents on that day, and she will meet with the Confirmands on Feb. 9 and 23. The Confirmation Retreat will be held at Grotonwood on March 7 and 8. All is going well with paid child care provider, Alicia Dwyer. Three to four children are attending each week. Education Ministries suggests continuing paid child care during the summer. Barbara will be on vacation from Feb. 2 to Feb. 8. Denise Weaver, Carrie Pericola, and Kathi Martin will cover for Barbara on Feb. 2. The Christian Education Certification Class offered by the Mass. Conference will be held at Centre Church on Feb. 1 from 8 A.M. to noon.

Education: Kathi Martin informed Council that the Confirmands will be contacting the Ministry Chairs to set a time to meet with them and learn about their Ministry's responsibilities. The Confirmands will attend the April Council meeting.

Membership: Dotty Whittier submitted a written report which was presented by Chuck Cotting. Trivia and Silent Auction night is scheduled for Feb. 28. Membership is looking for donations for the silent auction. Membership is working with Doug Hodgkins to set a date for a Coffee House. They are also exploring the idea of hosting a wine-tasting night. Dotty contacted our newest members to inform them of opportunities to become involved in the life of the church.

Diaconate: Margaret Waugh reported that her committee reviewed the Advent services to discuss what worked well and to make suggestions for improvement. A follow-up discussion is scheduled for September. Margaret met with Bruce and Dennis to develop a job description for the Supply Minister who will cover Dennis' sabbatical. A Deacon's Breakfast is scheduled for Feb. 9 from 8:30-9:30 A.M. Boy Scout Sunday is Feb. 9. The Boy Scouts will participate in the service.

Stewardship: Carrie Pericola reported that the Raise the Roof Campaign is doing well, and Stewardship has begun planning for the annual Stewardship Campaign. This year's theme is "Uniting Generations through Love." Stewardship is asking people of all ages to share what they love about the church and/or why they attend Centre Church. Several people have agreed to share their stories. The Campaign will kick off on March 2 when pledge cards will be distributed. The campaign will culminate on April 6. Pledge cards will be collected during the service which will be followed by a luncheon provided by the Stewardship Committee.

Finance: Chuck Cotting reported on several property-related issues. He noted that light fixtures in Dennis' office and Barbara's office need replacement. Chuck is exploring appropriate ways to dispose of fluorescent tube lights. The plumber has been notified that the sink in the pastor's bathroom needs to be repaired, and the heat in the library has not been functioning well. Also, a new 7-day thermostat will be placed in the sanctuary. The existing 5-day thermostat from the sanctuary will replace the non-functioning thermostat in the fireside room. Chuck installed an oil-filled radiator in the basement space beneath the first floor ladies room. Chuck will explore the pros and cons of power washing the exterior of the building in order to make it look better until it can be painted. He has obtained three roofing proposals and plans to talk to others.

Fundraising: Carrie Pericola distributed information about a "Canvas Paint Party" fundraiser. Council agreed that the event is worth exploring; Carrie will check on dates and location. Council also discussed holding a flea market on the same day as Geraniumfest.

New Business: Jeff Law is forming a sub-committee consisting of Jeff, Bruce, and Chuck to conduct the annual review of, and to document participation in, the Annuity Plan as required by the IRS.

There being no further business, Council voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M. Rev. Bailey led a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Cotting, Recording Secretary

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 25, 2014. Meditation: Bruce Weaver