

Parish Council Meeting June 1, 2011

In attendance: Dennis Bailey, Barbara Langill, Chuck Cotting, Debbie Cotting, Jim Marshall, Jeff Law, and Bruce Weaver.

Bruce called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. and offered the meditation.

Council approved the minutes of the April meeting.

Pastor's Report: Dennis reported on upcoming baptisms and weddings. A wedding on July 3 will be performed by Rev. Glenn Mortimer because Dennis will be on study leave in Florida. Dennis noted that the Young Adult Mission Trip went well. A cookout for our new, young families will be held on June 25 at the home of David and Marylee Riester. Dennis plans to attend the UCC General Synod in Tampa from July 1-5. Pastor coverage will be needed. Dennis reported that plans for the 9/11 remembrance service are being developed. An account has been set up at The Savings Bank to accept donations to help fund the event. Checks can be made to: Lynnfield 911 and sent to Rev. Bailey. There was extensive damage to Diana Gerbick's house during a recent fire. A fund has been established to assist Diana with expenses not covered by insurance. Checks can be made to Centre Church; put Diana Gerbick fund on the memo line.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff circulated the Treasurer's Report which included income and expenses through 4/30/11. He predicts an operating budget loss at year's end of \$10,382.36 (\$3,790.13 worse than the budgeted loss of \$6,592.24).

Financial Secretary: Jim reported that pledges received to date total \$221,949. Thirteen people who pledged last year have not yet submitted their pledge cards. Last year, those 13 pledges totaled approximately \$14,000. Jim has received \$2638.10 in MBA dues. We have about \$3200 budgeted. Donations to the memorial fund in Arthur Fould's memory total \$755 which is earmarked for building maintenance.

Christian Education: Barbara reported that there are 2 Sundays left for Rotation Sensation. Children's Sunday and the Ice Cream Social will be held on June 12. The High School Youth Group joined with teens from St. Paul's to participate in the 30 Hour Famine. Over \$3000 was raised for World Vision. Our high school group is currently raising funds to support their mission trip to New Orleans. Nine members of the Middle School Youth Group and 4 adult chaperones went white water rafting. Eight participants volunteered for Habitat for Humanity in Portland, Maine. Fourteen women attended the Women's Retreat. Barbara attended a two-day conference entitled "Celebrating Call" sponsored by the Mass Conference. Barbara is planning for next year and hoping to run both youth groups.

Membership: Chuck reviewed plans for JuneFest.

Diaconate: Linda reported that Doug Hodgkins 10th anniversary will be noted in worship and celebrated during the coffee hour. She reviewed results of the Music Survey which indicated that the congregation is very happy with the music program and appreciative of Doug's leadership. The review of the Music Director's job description and performance appraisal will be held on June 7. Participating in the review will be: Dave Clough, Bruce Weaver, Linda Ladd, Dennis Bailey, and Doug Hodgkins. Mary McCarthy reported to the Diaconate on her P.A.L.M. training. She presented the Diaconate with a binder of information about the program which will be kept at church for others interested in the P.A.L.M. training. Linda congratulated our newest confirmed members and thanked their mentors. Cameron Digorgio will be baptized on June 12. Summer services will begin on June 26 at 9:00 A.M. in the chapel.

Building Maintenance: Bruce reported on several maintenance issues. A dehumidifier burned out causing excessive smoke. The Lynnfield Fire Dept. responded, and Tower Day School was evacuated. Replacement of all dehumidifiers is necessary since all units are of the same make and age. The concrete work at the damaged window well has been repaired by Mystic Landscaping at no cost to the church. Rev. Bailey sent a thank you note. Bruce and Mike Robbins of Robbins Roofing will meet soon to evaluate the condition of the roof. The leaking seal in the elevator is scheduled to be repaired in June. An emergency light outside the pastor's office is defective and needs repair.

Special Congregational Meeting: Bruce reviewed the agenda for the meeting to be held on June 5.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M. **Next Council Meeting: June 29. Meditation by Dotty Whittier**

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Cotting, Recording Secretary

Congregational Meeting June 5, 2011

The Moderator determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 11:20 A.M.

The Moderator explained that the purpose of the meeting was to pass a preliminary budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011. The final budget will be voted on at the church's annual meeting in September.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the preliminary budget as presented. Treasurer, Jeff Law noted that the preliminary budget will be used until the formal budget is presented and accepted at the annual meeting in September, 2011. The preliminary budget has been approved by the Parish Council Budget Sub-committee. Jeff reviewed the details of the preliminary budget as well as the income and expenses for the current fiscal year. He noted that the preliminary budget includes a 2% increase for salaries and a 10% increase in health insurance. Pledges are \$27,000 short of what is needed to balance the budget, and that number assumes that everyone who pledged last year will pledge again this year. There are people who have not yet returned pledge cards. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded that the church extend the expiring terms of all officers and ministry team members until the acceptance of new officers and ministry team members at the annual meeting in September, 2011. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 A.M. The motion passed unanimously.

Rev. Bailey led a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Cotting, Recording Secretary