

# CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2010, 7:00 PM

## **Approval of May 27, 2010 Meeting notes**

There was a motion and a second to accept the May 27<sup>th</sup> meeting notes. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Pastor Report:**

Dennis read Jill Couillard's letter of resignation as of July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Jill will be moving on to a new venture at a legal firm in Boston. Jill received best wishes from Council for her excellent efforts to improve our Christian Education programs. The AC system in the Chapel is working, but it needs a few steps to activate. Phil Johnson will look into the AC system. Looking for a ride for Barbara McCormick's niece from the airport on July 1<sup>st</sup> and return her to the airport on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Phil Johnson volunteered.

Dennis will be away on Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup> and will make arrangements for a replacement.

There will be a baptism on Sunday June 27: Benjamin Albert Riester

Champion Science Adventures wants to rent Richard or Todd Hall for August 2 to 22. Champion is required to provide documentation to the Lynnfield Department of health for a permit. The permit is pending.

## **Financial Update:**

Treasurer Report: No real change in the projected FY 2010 budget year figures. Finalization of next year's FY 2011 budget is awaiting final pledging information.

Financial Secretary Report: Pledges of \$212,947 have been received with pledges from 22 people who pledged last year still outstanding. Those 22 pledges equaled \$27,425 for last year.

If all pledges came in as last year, our total pledging will be \$240,000 which is \$30,000 lower than our current FY 2011 budget plan.

**Stewardship** made calls to all of those whose pledges were outstanding and 11 pledges came in.

## **Christian Education:**

Church School is over for this year.

On Sunday May 30 the church school children planted marigolds donated by McKinstry Market Gardens in Chicopee. Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup> was Church School Sunday and the day for the Ice Cream Social.

Vacation Bible School will be held Monday June 28 through Thursday July 1 and has 16 children enrolled so far with more coming in every day. Brittany DeSantis will be leading VBS and it is staffed with a number of volunteers.

High School Youth Trip to New Orleans: 18 people are going – 14 kids and 4 adults. July 24 through July 30. Fund raising was a little less than other years, but Missions and Memorials helped out a lot. The youth will pay about \$275 each.

## **Membership Ministries:**

Focused on the Essex River Cruise – Revisited. Sunday August 15 from 4 to 5:15 PM \$18 per person. We chartered the smaller boat – the Essex River Queen – with room for up to 43 people.

Then it is on to Woodman's for dinner AND Peking and the Mystics!

We are also working on a Cookout luncheon after church on September 12<sup>th</sup> – back to Church School Sunday. We are looking at different caterers and restaurants for food choices. More to discuss on this event.

Council discussion of division of Christmas and Easter collections: Discussions will be held after discussions with Memorials and Missions and prior to finalizing the FY 2011 Budget.

Bread and Roses will be held in the Library for the next few months until the Kitchen is completed. This will be a cold meal with Carol White cooking all of the macaroni at her home.

## **Education Ministries:**

Barbara and Dennis met to discuss Barbara's taking over the CE Programs as a full time position. Council discussed the CE position responsibilities, coverage issues, and other considerations. Further discussions will be held with a proposal and a vote at a future meeting.

**Diaconate:** Summer services and coverage have been scheduled. Communion will not be held on July 4th due to the holiday weekend. Communion will also be postponed from Labor Day weekend Sunday to Sept 12th – our first Sunday back in the sanctuary. There will be Communion on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Brittany DeSantis applied to and has been chosen to participate in 30 Hour Famine Study Tour. The tour offers a chance to travel overseas to see how the funds they've raised during the 30 Hour Famine are used by World Vision to help save lives. The 30-hour Famine Program supports World Vision, a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide by tackling the causes of poverty, hunger and injustice. Brittney will be leaving in August to travel to Seattle for training and to meet the other youth on the study tour, and then head to Bolivia for a week.

The Diaconate has received two quotations for our organ's choir motor replacement and other maintenance. Margaret Waugh and Bruce Weaver have been in contact with both organ builders to discuss the repairs. Both proposals are more than \$3,000. They are also looking at an annual maintenance program that has come in around \$1,000 per year. Margaret and Bruce will continue negotiations to determine the vendor.

Council made, seconded, and passed unanimously a motion to authorize the Diaconate, in conjunction with Doug Hodgkins, to contract for the repairs to be made this summer.

Finance Ministries: Plumbing work has been completed for FY 2010. Bathroom repairs, sump pump replacement, and hot water check valve has been completed.

HVAC next steps: The Gas fired system that heats the Choir Room, Richards Hall and the Kitchen needs replacement. Remaining funding of \$13,500 will cover this cost. The work will be completed over a two week period.

A proposal for the flat rubber roof repairs over the Tower Day school classrooms will be presented at the next Council meeting. This cost will be \$10,000 plus.

The Basement – Repairs to the basement have been held off to wait for the completion of Tower Day School and Vacation Bible School. Phil met with a new insurance company adjuster to go over basement repairs, reimbursement, and lost room rental income.

Estimates are coming in favorably. "Green", mold-resistant wallboard will be used for replacement. A paint sub-committee met to come up with new colors for the basement rooms. Once this is complete, new tile, rubber molding, and floor stripping and re-waxing will be completed.

Once this is complete we will have to determine what goes back into our cabinets. Everything that was in the kitchen is now in boxes in the basement. The church population and activities have changed and some of the things we have may no longer be needed. We will also have to determine what will go back to replace the stage area – permanent, movable, none - and the cabinets we had in Todd Hall.

We also have gutter and downspout issues that need to be taken care off.

The Todd Hall windows which were a major source of our water intrusion will be blocked up and the window wells filled in.

Potential for a new Church Website: Linda and Chuck had a conference call with Adam Wilner of Connected Word, a UCC related church website developer. This firm has been developing websites for 5 ½ years and church websites for 2-3 months. We discussed the features and capabilities of the Connect Word formatted site pages, costs, up-loading information and pictures, and other features such as on-line payments through Pay Pal. The first site to go live is [www.ccsnet.net](http://www.ccsnet.net), a site for the UCC Congregational Church of South Hempstead, NY. Linda feels a small website committee would be needed to manage the website content. Council will review this South Hempstead website and consider at our next meeting.

Safe Church: Barbara brought up the training for Safe Church that Frank Scott has been handling. It would be best if we could have a small committee of three people to handle the Safe Church training.

**NEXT MEETING:** Next regular meeting:

➤ Parish Council Wednesday, July 28, 2010 at 7:00 PM; meditation by Chuck Cotting.