

Parish Council Meeting

June 27, 2018

6:30 P.M.

The June Council meeting was a dinner meeting graciously hosted by the Weavers. Present were: Bruce Weaver, Chuck Cotting, Scott DeSantis, Annmarie Pendola, Linda Ladd, John Sievers, Debbie Cotting, and Rev. Nancy Rottman. Bruce Weaver provided the meditation, and Council approved the minutes of the 5/29/18 meeting.

Pastor Report: Rev. Nancy reviewed pastoral concerns and updated Council on her vacation plans and anticipated move to Andover, MA. On July 12, she and Laraine Wilson will meet at Rolling Ridge for a retreat focused on Faith Formation.

MBA Dues: A motion was made and seconded to pay our MBA dues as follows: Pay the \$2000 collected from parishioners and pay the \$4000 remaining balance from the Operating Budget. The motion passed unanimously.

Outreach: Linda Ladd reported that church volunteers continue to prepare and serve meals at Haven From Hunger on the 4th Monday of each month. On June 25th, our volunteers brought 108 pounds of food to HFH. Linda is forming a team to participate in "Reid's Ride".

Membership: John Sievers reviewed Coffee Hour plans and noted that coffee will continue to be served over the summer. The Flea Market raised about \$1200, and the sale of lobster rolls raised nearly \$400. Our profit from the Shopping Card program was significantly less than in past years, and Council held a brief discussion about ways to boost shopping card sales.

Diaconate: Annmarie Pendola noted that the Deacon-sponsored BBQ was successful with about 60 people attending. There will be a Deacon's Breakfast on 9/30/18. Annmarie reviewed plans for summer services, including Christmas in July on 7/8 when parishioners are asked to bring new pajamas and toys for Cradles to Crayons. Andrew Harris will preach on 1 or 2 Sundays in August. Camille Hodgkins will provide music on 7/22/18.

Stewardship: Debbie Cotting reported that stewardship data is the same as last month. We've received 84 pledges, and 8 pledges remain outstanding. The theme for next year's campaign is "What Shall We Bring?"

Finance: Chuck Cotting reported that Baker Electric completed the extension of the Tower Day intercom system to the Narthex and Richards Hall. Chuck and Scott DeSantis will work with others to plan and estimate costs for renovating main floor and second floor restrooms. They are working with Tower Day to paint 2 classrooms and complete some minor projects. Chuck noted that Faith Formation completed evacuation drills for all classes. Plans for an evacuation drill during church services will be reviewed at the next Council meeting with the goal of executing a drill in the fall.

Old/New Business: Debbie Cotting announced that the Yankee Candle Fundraiser will run from 9/16/18 to 10/14/18. So far, 14 crafters have submitted applications and checks to participate in the Holiday Fair on 11/3/18. The Centre Church craft group is busy making items for the church craft table.

There being no further business, Council voted to adjourn at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Cotting, Recording Secretary Pro-tem

Next Meeting: August 28

Meditation: Annmarie Pendola