

Parish Council Minutes
June 29, 2011

In attendance: Bruce Weaver, Barbara Langill, Jeff Law, Jim Marshall, Linda Ladd, Dotty Whittier, and Debbie Cotting.

Bruce called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. Council approved the minutes of the June 1, 2011 Council meeting and the Congregational meeting of June 5, 2011.

Pastor's Report: Dennis submitted a written report which was read by Bruce. The young families' event was very successful. Another get-together is planned for August. While Dennis is away, Rev. Glenn Mortimer will provide pastoral coverage. Dennis continues to work on events for the 9/11 remembrance.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff circulated the Treasurer's Report which included income and expenses through the end of May. We have received a check for \$12,588.95 which represents the final insurance payment for flood damage. Council engaged in a general discussion of capital needs, including HVAC systems and the roof.

Financial Secretary: Jim reported that donations to the Arthur Foulds Fund now total \$1265.00. The funds are earmarked for maintenance. Pledges received to date total \$234,185. There are still 7 people who pledged last year who have not yet submitted a pledge.

Christian Education: Barbara noted that Children's Sunday was June 12 and that Rotation Sensation will start up again on September 18. The High School Mission trip to New Orleans is scheduled for July 23-30. Participants will present highlights of the trip at a Shareholders' dinner in the fall. Barbara expressed thanks to Mary McCarthy for donating Red Sox tickets for a raffle to raise funds to support the mission trip. The Middle School Youth Group has a day at the beach planned for August 4, hosted by the Miller family. Currently 10 students are enrolled in Vacation Bible School, August 8-12. Samantha White is the VBS director; volunteers are still needed to complete the VBS staff. Write On, the secret pen pal program is off to a great start. Eight youth and eight adults are participating. The pen pals will meet in the fall at an ice cream social. Members of the Education Ministry Team will meet over the summer to plan for next year's confirmation class which will be a relatively small group and nearly all boys. Barbara has been working with Elsa Marshall and the MACUCC Education Commission on a program for certification of Christian educators. Barbara plans to host classes at Centre Church on three Saturdays next year. Barbara will be away on vacation from July 5-9.

Membership: Dotty reported that Junefest netted \$2126.00. A potluck luncheon is planned for September 25, and Membership is considering a pie sale for October.

Diaconate: Linda reported that Sunday services began in the chapel on June 26. Since the chapel air conditioning is not working, some services could be held in the Sanctuary on very hot days. The guest preacher for July 3 will be Rev. Lois Coppola. Doug's 10th anniversary celebration went well. Copies of the Organist/Choir Director's job description and copies of the Music Program survey are on file in the church office. Linda noted that there will be no communion on July 3, and the September communion service will be held on September 11 in the Sanctuary.

Building Maintenance: Bruce reported on the following building maintenance issues, noting that the heating system is likely to be the first priority: heating system, roof, some parking lots lights are not working, replace dehumidifiers, wood along ramp is in poor condition, and the outside steps to chapel are deteriorating.

Officers and Ministry Team Membership: Bruce informed Council that there will be vacancies to be filled before Annual Meeting in September. He asked Council to be thinking of possible candidates to fill those open positions.

Dotty provided a closing mediation, and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Cotting, Recording Secretary

Next Meeting: August 31. Meditation-Chuck Cotting