

## Parish Council Minutes

March 26, 2019

In attendance: Jim Marshall, Bruce Weaver, Chuck Cotting, Annmarie Pendola, Jill DiGiorgio, Jeff Law, Linda Ladd, Lisa Gerbick, Scott DeSantis, and Debbie Cotting.

Moderator, Bruce Weaver convened the meeting at 7:05, and Jill provided the meditation.

Council approved the minutes of the 2/26/19 meeting by unanimous consent.

Pastor Report: In Rev. Nancy's absence, Bruce reported that Nancy's surgery went well. Nancy has lined up folks to preach and provide any pastoral care needed while she is recovering. There is a staff meeting scheduled for 4/8/19.

PPRC: Linda and Debbie have started asking church members to staff this committee. The aim is to have the first PPRC meeting in April with Rev. Nancy.

300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: The 3/17/19 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting was well attended. Council discussed setting another 300<sup>th</sup> meeting on April 28 after church. Bruce reviewed some information, including a list of events, from the 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary booklet.

Treasurer: Jeff Law reviewed financial data as of 2/28/19. He noted that our overall loss in the Operating Fund year-to-date is \$58,659.28. This is \$42,273.22 worse than last year and \$19,820.01 worse than budget. Income year-to-date is \$25,352.77 worse than last year and \$8315.60 worse than budget. Pledges, loose offerings, and unpledged are all worse than last year and worse than budget. The Tower Day School Fund is doing very well, and there is about \$29,000 in the Capital Maintenance Fund.

Financial Secretary: Jim reported on pledges received to date. Sixty pledge cards have been returned – 2 are pre-paid. Total amount pledged so far: Operating Budget = \$148,481, Missions = \$12,796. There about 28 outstanding pledges totaling \$38,600.

Faith Formation: Jill reported on FF activities for the remainder of March and the month of April. FF continues to work with Tower Day on sharing the Library/Nursery space with a TDS class. The sale of Heifer muffins has raised over \$250 so far. FF will place blue lights in the church windows for the month of April, Autism Awareness month. Giv2 will go to City Reach on May 10-11. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for 8/12-8/16.

Outreach: Linda noted that volunteers continue to serve monthly at Haven from Hunger. The group delivered 86.6 pounds of pasta, rice, and beans to HFH on 3/25/19. Outreach received a thank you note from Mission of Deeds for the 9 large bags of coats donated by Centre Church folks. MOD gave out 450 coats this year and plans to continue the program in future years.

Diaconate: Annmarie reported that she will confer with Nancy about details for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter services. The choir will present a cantata on Easter Sunday. Diaconate is looking for more ushers, greeters, and deacons.

Stewardship: Debbie has sent thank you notes to everyone who has pledged so far. She will send out reminder letters in mid to late April to folks who haven't submitted their pledges.

Finance: Chuck reported on several maintenance items: The chapel windows have been restored and painted. Scott is working with the Eagle Scouts to restore the brass window locks in the chapel. In November, Chuck discussed some repair and billing questions with Delta-Beckwith, the elevator company. He's awaiting their response. Our new custodian, Abel Moreno, is working out very well. The former Book Group closet in Todd Hall has been re-purposed to hold our painting materials and tools. Chuck is waiting for a quote to improve the Chancel lighting. He has a quote on improving the parking lot lighting – further Council discussion needed. PDA Electrical installed energy efficient, long-lasting LED lighting panels in the Tower Day Office, Teachers' Room, and classrooms 11 and 13. Chuck and Scott will work on the 2 center doors facing Summer St. to restore what they can and fix the Narthex door closer. They will check the outside of the building for any areas that need attention. The Lynnfield Center Water District sent a check for overpayment and an updated invoice in light of their rescinding the rate increase.

Fundraising: Chuck reported that Trivia Night raised just over \$6000, and the 2 nights at Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza raised \$500.35. The Centre Church Flea Market will be held on 5/18. Lisa will chair the Bake Table.

New Business: Linda and Kate Kielty will attend a demo with Ministry Designs (website design) on 3/28. They will then compare to the capabilities of Churchdev.com.

There being no further business, Council voted to adjourn at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Cotting

Recording Secretary Pro-tem

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 23, 2019    Meditation: Lauren Donadio**