

## Parish Council Minutes

March 5, 2013

In attendance: Bruce Weaver, Kathi Martin, Barbara Langill, Dotty Whittier, Linda Ladd, Chuck Cotting, Jeff Law, Jim Marshall and Rev. Dennis Bailey.

Moderator Bruce Weaver convened the meeting at 7:10pm. Barbara Langill offered the meditation.

Council approved the minutes from the January 30, 2013 meeting.

Pastors Report: Rev. Bailey reviewed his worship schedule which includes the service related to the start of the Lenten period. Also during this time Rev. Bailey taught confirmation class on 2/10. Rev. Bailey also conducted four funerals during this period. Looking forward, several baptisms are planned for March and April.

Financial Reports: Treasurer Jeff Law summarized the financial situation of the church as of 1/31/13. Our overall loss to the operating fund is \$11,895.00, For this time of year, this is better than projected due to a higher **Income To Date** figure (\$36,653 above budget projections) and lower expenses. Jeff reminded council that several factors need watching. Several expense items have not been received yet and winter is far from over which can affect the snow removal budget. Also, from the income side, revenue is high due to the outstanding response to the supplemental pledge drive. Areas of focus going forward are: Income – Meet our fundraising budget goals and receive pledges as expected. Expenses – Maintain good expense, management.

Christian Education: The Rotation Workshops theme for 3/3, 3/10, 3/17 will be Holy Week and Heifer Muffins. March 24 grades 1 – 8 in worship for the Cantata. March 31, Easter Sunday has everyone in worship. High School Youth group was active with participation in the 30 Hour Famine on 2/1 & 2/2 raising \$2,287 for World Vision. The Middle School Youth Group collected funds for the Superbowl of Caring on 2/3 and raised \$150 for Bread & Roses. Also, all groups will be collecting cans & bottles for Joni & Friends, a nonprofit Christian organization focused on helping persons with disabilities. The summer Missions Trip to Joplin, MO will be on 8/11 to 8/17. All 15 reserved spots have been filled. Barbara Langill will be out of the office for 4 -6 weeks starting on 3/13; she will be recovering from scheduled hip replacement surgery. Carrie Pericola will be covering on Sunday mornings. The Education Ministries team has arranged coverage for the Rotation Workshops and Youth Group meetings through 4/28.

Education Ministries: Kathi Martin reported that the Lenten Book Group has begun. It was again reviewed that Confirmands will be assigned to meet with Ministry Team Leaders. The

Confirmands will gain knowledge of the function & purpose of their assigned Ministry Team. Then all Confirmands will attend the April Parish Council meeting to observe the interaction of all the team leaders & officers.

Membership: Dottie Whittier reported that the March 1<sup>st</sup> trivia night was a big success. 71 people attended and between admission & the silent auction \$2,404 was raised. Possible future events include something coordinated with the town's Geranium Fest which is on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Dottie will discuss this with the Lynnfield Rec Dept., which is in charge of the event this year.

Diaconate: Linda Ladd reviewed the plans for the upcoming Walsh Stage Dedication / Luncheon scheduled for 3/17. The Youth Choir, directed by Douglas Hodgkins will perform the "Life School Musical" for the event. Also, the Deacons will be serving breakfast on Easter morning between the sunrise and 10am service.

Finance: Chuck Cotting reported that the final few open issues regarding the Walsh Stage renovation are ongoing with plans to be complete before the 3/17 dedication performance. Other projects to be addressed included a general clean up and reorganization of the kitchen area. T-Mobile is planning on some equipment servicing. A final date is yet to be determined for both events. Finally, it was noted that during a recent downpour water entered the Todd Hall Closet causing little to no damage. While the cause is known, Chuck will research the appropriate fix options.

Stewardship: Carrie Pericola submitted via email the theme for the upcoming stewardship campaign. It's called "Joining HIM in Giving". It will kick off on April 7<sup>th</sup> with the focus being shared during the Sunday service. Stewardship, with help from Kathi Martin, will also host a Thank You luncheon directly after the service. Thanks go to Cindy Trayers for her help in coordinating the pledge card design.

Old Business: Carrie Pericola's group continues to meet on a monthly basis to plan next holiday season's "Night in Bethlehem". Although this event is several months away, much planning is required in order to make it a town wide event. The next scheduled meeting is 3/21 at 6:30 and anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm. Rev. Bailey led a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Weaver, Recording Secretary Pro Tem

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, March 26, 2013. Meditation: Jeff Law