

Parish Council Meeting Minutes  
May 1, 2017

In attendance: Bruce Weaver, Jeff Law, Linda Ladd, Jill DiGiorgio, Scott DeSantis, Barbara Langill, Annmarie Pendola, Chuck Cotting, Debbie Cotting, and Lauren Donadio

Moderator Bruce Weaver convened the meeting at 7:05pm.

- I. Meditation: Inspirational quotes offered by Bruce Weaver
- II. Approval of Parish Council Meeting Minutes from 3/28/17 by unanimous consent.
- III. Pastor's Report - Rev Jamie feeling better
- A. Update on health status of members of congregation
- IV. Financial Report - Jeff Law
  - . Pledges were lower in Feb and March
  - A. Expenses were reduced due to staffing/salaries
  - B. Overall funds are the best in 10 years due to Tower Day success
  - C. Memorials - significant contribution in undesignated fund
- V. Education Ministries Report - Barbara Langill and Jill DiGiorgio
  - . Summer programs - will offer nursery with Alicia and craft/story for older kids
    1. Will need another adult volunteer to supervise craft
  - A. Celebration Sunday - 6/11
    1. Ice cream social, recognition of volunteers and high school graduates
    2. Joyful Noise will sing both Anthem and Offertory
  - B. Mission trip did not have enough interest; may plan to do one day with Habitat
  - C. Youth at Synod - Raden Sorli Hawk and Barbara Langill are going
  - D. Update on Director of Faith Formation
    1. Candidate will meet with Christian Ed Committee on 5/3
    2. Will begin discussion about formal offer and salary
- VI. Outreach Ministries Report - Linda Ladd
  - . Bulletin board with sign ups is doing well
  - A. Ladies' Tea with Muslim community members is 5/21 at 3pm
  - B. Haven from Hunger - group served meal and donated food items
  - C. Donation of the Month is pasta and canned sauce
  - D. Upcoming events
    1. Volunteers needed to help at Food Project Farm 5/6
    2. Group from CCC will walk in Great Strides for CF on 5/7
- VII. Membership Committee Report - Bruce Weaver for John Sievers
  - . Still need more volunteers to sign up for coffee hour
  - A. Shopping cards are slowing down
  - B. Easter Cantata was a good opportunity for new members
- VIII. Diaconate Report - AnnMarie Pendola
  - . Deacon Terms - 2 deacons are retiring and still have an empty spot - total of 3 openings
  - A. Upcoming services
    1. Mother's Day (5/14) - cut flowers from Kane's
    2. Celebration Sunday (6/11) - children/youth will usher; no coffee hour
    3. Move to the Chapel 6/25
    4. Will plan a breakfast in October
    5. Discussion of other events including pot luck, musical performances, dance
  - B. Need back-up sermon/service - Rev Jamie may prepare one or offer old one
- IX. Stewardship Report - Debbie Cotting
  - . 67 pledges have been received and thank you notes were sent
  - A. 19 pledges are outstanding - will send reminders
- X. Finance and Properties Report - Chuck Cotting and Scott DeSantis

- . Maintenance Projects
  1. Scott DeSantis fixed Narthex side door and will address dampness at entrance
  2. Estimates to fix Chapel steps - hope to complete by mid-June
  3. Check on funding/TD schedule to have Bida finish painting
  4. Replace 2 front lanterns and change out TD lightbulbs to LED
  5. Plan to install water-saving toilets and possibly move men's room door
  6. Need to paint TD hallways
  7. Fire door has small hole - will be fixed
- A. T-Mobile will do some rearranging but will not affect VzW
- B. Ideas to have new directional signs at bottom of stairs that are clearer/less cluttered - also create one memorial plaque for TD rooms vs. signs above doors
- XI. Fundraising - Debbie Cotting
  - . 5/13 - Crafter's on the Common
    1. 23 crafters have signed up
    2. Will decide by end of the week if youth will run kid's table
    3. Press release going out next week
  - A. 5/20 - Flea Market: still collecting items. Press release sent to 11 local news outlets
  - B. 6/11 - Lobster rolls
- XII. Old Business/New Business
  - . Pastor Search update
    1. Profile is complete, job has been posted, mock interview was held, 21 pastor profiles are being read/scored
    2. By end of June, will need to make decision on hiring further interim leadership.
    3. Email from Wendy Vander Hart about Metropolitan Boston Association Council recommendation to have conversation about Congregation's purpose - will hold off until we have hired a settled pastor
  - A. Special Congregational Meeting planned for 6/4 to discuss preliminary budget and extend terms
- XIII. Council voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Lauren Donadio, Recording Secretary

Next Meeting: 5/30/17

Meditation: Jim Marshall