

## Parish Council Minutes – October 26, 2020

Moderator Bruce Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M. In attendance on Zoom: Bruce Weaver, Rev. Nancy Rottman, Chuck Cotting, Debbie Cotting, Katherine Decker, Scott DeSantis, Jill DiGiorgio, Linda Ladd, Jeff Law, Jim Marshall, and Annmarie Pendola. Annmarie offered the meditation. Minutes from 9/28/2020 were approved with unanimous consent.

**Pastor Report:** Rev. Nancy Rottman provided updates on the state of the church, virtual worship and Zoom gatherings, congregational care, and community activities.

On Oct 25, Rev Nancy Butcher filled in while Rev Nancy Rottman was on vacation. We will celebrate the Feast of All Saints on Nov 1. On Nov 15, we will host Leticia Mpuya, Country Director of Heifer Tanzania, in worship and fellowship using Facebook Live. Planning for Advent and Christmas is underway.

Plans are in place for a virtual Interfaith Thanksgiving service. Rev Nancy has been participating in the Diversity and Inclusion working group of A Healthy Lynnfield. The group is planning a series of trainings/webinars with Debby Irving, author of *Waking Up White*, to begin in January. Nancy continues to investigate trainings/education to help aid with the deciding on a stewardship program.

**Financial Reports:** Treasurer Jeff Law provided Council with an update regarding the budget and the potential financial impact presented with the current pandemic.

There was a discussion regarding an investment committee. Council unanimously approved a motion to establish an investment team to include Bruce Weaver, Jeff Law, Church Cotting, Sara Mauser and Stephen Riley. Additionally, Stephen Riley will join Finance Ministries. Following a discussion, Council also approved a motion to update the list of authorized signers for all church accounts.

**Education:** Jill DiGiorgio provided an update on Church School and Faith Formation activities. The Young Families Group will be hiking in Breakheart on Nov 1 and are looking into an alternative to caroling. Larainne will be teaching Church School the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays using the Illustrated Ministries materials. This year's them is "Invitation: Joining God at Work in the World." Discussion about a potential "Tot" class to be lead by Alicia is underway. There will be a transition in Godly Play with Lisa continuing as the Godly Play storyteller through the end of 2020 with Allison as the Doorkeeper. In January Allison Barbieri will become Storyteller with Larainne and Katie swapping off as Doorkeeper. FFMT is considering updating materials, starting with parables. Nancy and Larainne are working on creating a Pen Pal Program. Youth Group will meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month with the next one scheduled for Nov 1. The Weekly Parent Support Group is meeting at 7:30pm on Thursdays. Discussion about changing the format is also underway.

**Outreach:** Linda Ladd reported that the Outreach Ministry Team continues to match donations made by church members to organizations hit hard by the Covid-19 pandemic. Discussion about Thanksgiving and Christmas giving opportunities is underway. The Ministry Team is also welcoming new member, Barbara Langill.

**Diaconate:** Annmarie Pendola reported that the Deacons continue to assist with contacting church members who are on the Congregation Care List.

They will be meeting in mid November to discuss personal update, the Advent Season including decorating for Christmas and Christmas Eve, and welcome new deacons, Laurie Patriquin-Muise and Paul Harrington.

**Finance:** Chuck Cotting reported on the status of the 2020 Maintenance activities and the 2020 Capital Maintenance projects. Scott repaired the exterior entryway to Room 14 that was damaged by high winds. The Girl Scouts have requested permission to use the parking lot for a masked, socially distant meeting and have agreed to follow the safety guidelines. Chuck also provided an update on the repairs related to the sprinkler head flood.

**New Business:** There was a brief discussion regarding potential fundraisers including Anthony's Coal Fire Pizza. Council unanimously approved the addition of Doreen DiFilippo to the Tower Day Board.

There being no further business, Council voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Decker, Recording Secretary

**Next Meeting: Monday, November 30 @ 7pm**

**Meditation – Laraine Wilson**