

## Parish Council Minutes - October 28, 2014

In attendance: Bruce Weaver, Jeff Law, Barbara Langill, Carrie Pericola, Margaret Waugh, and Rev. Dennis Bailey  
Moderator Bruce Weaver convened the meeting at 7pm, and then offered mediation for the meeting. Council approved the minutes of the September 23, 2014 meeting.

Pastor Report: Rev. Bailey reviewed recent pastoral duties that have occurred over the past month. They include several pastoral care visits, the Baptism of Robert Otis Andrews and the Memorial service for Betty Jane Hayter. It was also noted that the 2014 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held at St. Maria Goretti Church on Sunday, November 23 at 7pm.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff Law reviewed the current financial reports. The current Operating Fund has an overall loss of \$53,069.96. This \$7,390.41 more than the projected value carried in the 2014 – 2015 budget. It was noted that several factors are responsible for this position. Pledge receipts are lower than projected and fundraising revenue is below prior year amounts due to the fact that some fundraising events have been changed or replaced with new events that will occur later in the year. Expense totals are also higher than prior years mostly due to the cost incurred from hiring a Supply Minister during Rev. Bailey's sabbatical. In conclusion Jeff reminded Parish Council about the importance of the Supplemental Pledge Drive, staying on top of fundraising, and monitor pledge receipts in order to meet our revenue goals.

Christian Education: Barbara Langill reviewed the prior months highlights which included the Noah's Ark Skit–Heifer International "Fill the Ark Program" on 10/5 and the 10/19 message given by Devon Abt & Jackie Popoloski regarding their service given to those in need. It was also noted that the Advent Workshop will be held on 11/30 at 5pm. Dinner to be served by Kathi Martin and her team. Youth group will volunteer at Haven from Hunger on 11/10. On 11/23 there will be a Turkey Drive for Haven for Hunger which will be collected before the worship service. Also, the Director requested that Outreach makes a donation to Haven from Hunger to accompany the collected turkeys. Council approved the motion and a \$500 contribution will be made. On 11/1 volunteers will be working at Habitat for Humanity. A motion was made and approved to contribute \$500 toward the cost of building supplies needed for the project. The donation is also an Outreach contribution.

Diaconate: Margaret Waugh reported that a 40" TV has been purchased thanks to a memorial gift from the Seelig family in memory of Bills father. The TV will be used in the fireside room to display any sanctuary activities as needed. Deacon's breakfast was held on 10/26 and raised \$130 to be added to the Organ Maintenance Fund. The organ was repaired to correct an issue that placed it out of service. The yearly tuning and cleaning will be scheduled to take place before the start of the holiday season.

Stewardship: Carrie Pericola reported that the Supplemental Pledge Drive would be kicked off on 10/26.

Finance: Chuck Cotting submitted a report which was discussed by the moderator. It was reported that the front of the building was washed to try to improve its current appearance. Although it helped some it was not deemed successful enough and any plans to wash the back of the building were put on hold. Quotes will be obtained to provide preventive maintenance to our heating systems. It was also noted that the two heating systems that service the Library and the Fireside room need to be replaced. Each unit will cost about \$3500. Council will discuss their replacement at a future meeting.

Fundraising: Debbie Cotting submitted a report stating that the recent Yankee Candle fundraiser raised \$497.20

Other Business: The moderator asked if there was any old or new business that needed to be discussed at the meeting. None was reported.

The moderator requested that the next meeting be scheduled for December 3, 2014 at 7pm. Jeff law will provide the meditation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm. Rev. Bailey led a closing prayer.

Submitted by Bruce Weaver - Moderator