

Parish Council Minutes - September 30, 2019

Moderator Bruce Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. In attendance: Bruce Weaver, Rev. Nancy Rottman, Debbie Cotting, Chuck Cotting, Katherine Decker, Scott DeSantis, Jill DiGiorgio, Lisa Gerbick, Linda Ladd, Jeff Law, Jim Marshall, and Annmarie Pendola. Jim Marshall offered the meditation. Minutes from 8/27/19 were approved with unanimous consent.

Pastor Report: Rev Nancy Rottman reported that while Larainne is out, coverage for Sunday morning classes is being coordinated between Jill and Rev Nancy. *A Night of Hope* was held on 9/22 and over 600 people participated. Rev Nancy and other local clergy will participate in Mental Health Training on Oct 16 and 18. The clergy have moved the Interfaith Thanksgiving to the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. It will be held at First Parish in Wakefield and then CCC will host next year. Bible Study is currently studying *Creed: What Christians Believe and Why* on Thursdays at 1pm. Rev Nancy is preaching a sermon series titled *Unraveled* this fall. Rev Nancy will also attend a seminar on Moral Injury on 10/11. On 9/11 Rev Nancy filled in as Lynnfield Fire Chaplin for Rev Bob Bacon, and will assist Leslie McKeough with her Annual Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Event on 10/20. Minimizing overlap hours between Tower Day and NEPI counseling services continues to be managed.

Three Hundred Committee: Continuing to work on the website and branding. Will be confirming locations for celebrations for September 19 and 20, 2020.

Financial Reports: Treasurer Jeff Law reported that we are better than last year and better than budget on Income, and worse than last year and worse than budget on Expense, but overall (bottom line) better than last year and better than budget.

Education: Jill DiGiorgio reported that Larainne continues to recover from her concussion. Kristin Kadera has stepped down from FFMT. Katie Hamilton (Brick by Brick) and Katie Swayne-Gerrish (Godly Play) have joined the Church School Staff. There was discussion about the importance of communication regarding the use of Room 10. The first meeting of the Middle School Youth Group will be 10/20 and will be open to youth from UMC, St. Paul's and the Catholic Collaborative in addition to Centre Church. Trunk or Treat will take place on 10/26 with a rain date on 10/27.

Outreach: Linda Ladd reported that the Haven From Hunger donation for October will be pasta, rice and beans, and that 10/27 will be the next Green Wagon Sunday. Members of CCC served at HFH on 9/23. CCC has selected the Ark Award design that will commemorate Heifer's 75th anniversary. Upcoming M & O activities include Equal Exchange sales of Fair-Trade goods at the Church Fair, Thanksgiving food for Ma Dukes, Turkeys for HFH, Angel Tree gifts for City Mission, and Heifer Living Gift Market.

Diaconate: Annmarie Pendola reviewed recent Diaconate activities and worship services. She reported that the Back To School Breakfast on September 22 raised \$338.00 for the organ maintenance fund and collected two boxes of school supplies for Cradles to Crayons. Steve Riley has joined the Diaconate. Deacons met on September 15 to discuss the Back to School Breakfast, upcoming baptisms, the audio/visual system, the New Prayer Book, hosting coffee on 10/13, and usher schedule. They will meet again on October 6.

Stewardship: Debbie Cotting reported that she and Rev. Nancy will meet soon to determine precise dates and theme for the 2020 Stewardship Campaign. They are looking at dates in January and February so that it will end before the start of Lent.

Finance: Chuck Cotting reported that issues with the elevator repair invoices are being settled. Gari Familia started as the new custodian on Sept 19, replacing Abel Moreno who has returned to Florida. Chuck also reported on the 2019 capital maintenance projects including the Tower Day Classroom lighting that has been completed, and the front light replacements that are being discussed.

Fundraising: Upcoming fundraising events include the Holiday Craft Fair on 11/2 and the Thanksgiving Apple Pie sale on 11/24.

Coffee Hour: The schedule for hosting Coffee Hour was discussed. 10/13 will be done by the Deacons and 10/27 will be hosted by the Cottings. 10/6 and 10/20 will still need to be filled or be self-serve.

Old Business/New Business: Rev Nancy brought forth a proposal to purchase a Labyrinth for the church. It would be for use by Centre Church members as well as members of the Lynnfield community. She proposed the purchase of a square St. Paul a la Chartres labyrinth from The Labyrinth Company. Council voted in favor of the proposal.

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, October 28th @ 7pm

Meditation - Annmarie Pendola