

Parish Council Meeting
September 22, 2011

In Attendance: Kathi Martin, Bruce Weaver, Linda Ladd, Jeff Law, Chuck Cotting, Debbie Cotting, Dennis Bailey.

Bruce called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M., and Chuck Cotting offered the meditation. The minutes of the August 31 meeting were approved.

Pastor's Report: Dennis reported on some maintenance issues which will need attention soon. He noted the peeling paint and rotting wood near the ramp from the parking lot. Dennis also reviewed some pastoral concerns including the memorial service for Hal Holappa and the death of Dennis Dickson, husband of long-time Tower Day teacher Kathy Dickson.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff Law reviewed the budget to be presented at Annual Meeting on 9/25/2011. He emphasized that fundraisers will need to be scheduled if we are to raise the \$14,835.37 budgeted.

Christian Education Report: Barbara Langill was not able to attend the meeting, but she submitted a written report which Kathi Martin reviewed. Leaders and Shepherds are in place for Rotation Sensation which began on Sept. 18. Teacher training was held on 9/14. The nursery has moved to Room 11 and will be staffed by Lauren Gerbick until the end of December. The 8 adults and 8 youth who participated in the Secret Pal Program finally got a chance to meet at an Ice Cream Social on 9/18. Youth Groups will begin on 9/25. Barbara will lead both groups. Confirmation candidates and their parents met on 9/21 for an overview of the revised confirmation program. The class and their mentors will meet monthly with Rev. Bailey. Kathi Martin will lead additional classes on Sunday mornings at 10:00 A.M. A confirmation retreat is planned for March. Christian Education is planning a church-wide mission trip for adults, young adults, and youth over 16. The trip to Sea Island, Habitat for Humanity in South Carolina, is planned for the last week in June, 2012. A mission trip to NYC for all High School Youth will be offered in February and is open to local area churches. Barbara has led two Safe Church training sessions incorporating the Safe Church policy changes. Cub Scout leaders still need to be trained. A new certification program for Christian Educators is being piloted by the MACUCC. Centre Church will host 3 of the training sessions.

Membership: Chuck reported that the Pot Luck luncheon on 9/25 will include a free-will offering. November 5 will be a pie-making day. Pies and Dennis' famous carrot cakes will be available for purchase on Sunday, Nov. 6. Membership ministries plans to help with the Advent Workshop and hold a lobster roll sale at a date to be determined.

Diaconate: Linda reported that Diaconate approved Education Ministries' request to print the Lord's Prayer in the bulletin using "debts" instead of "trespasses" so that the wording would be consistent with the church school curriculum. Rev. Bailey will encourage individuals to use the wording they choose. Diaconate will sponsor Debby Triffletti to participate in the P.A.L.M. (Pastor Approved Lay Ministry) program. The organ will be serviced this fall; the organ fund balance is \$1443.00. The next Diaconate breakfast will be held on 10/30/11. Mary McCarthy has joined the Diaconate.

Bruce reviewed the Annual Meeting agenda. He noted that there are some vacant slots to be filled, including Vice Moderator, Assistant Treasurer, two Delegates, two Nominating Committee members, and Chairs of Outreach Ministries and Stewardship.

Fundraising: Council discussed several fundraising ideas and decided to focus on three events this fall. Barbara Langill scheduled a Recycling Day for Oct. 22. Linda Ladd agreed to publicize this event. On Oct. 15 and 16, we will sell pumpkins from our “pumpkin patch” on the front lawn. Debbie Cotting and Kathi Martin will spearhead the Yankee Candle fundraiser which will run from Oct. 16 to Oct. 30. Council agreed that the proceeds from these events will be split between the church operating budget (75%) and the Mission Trip Fund (25%).

Council thanked and congratulated Dennis for his leadership and hard work to make the 911 Remembrance such a successful and moving tribute.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M., and Dennis led a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Cotting, Recording Secretary

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, October 26, 2011