

Parish Council Minutes – April 26, 2021

Moderator Bruce Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:04 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, and Annmarie Pendola. Linda offered the meditation. Minutes from 3/29/2021 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. Our Maundy Thursday Service was successfully moved inside due to inclement weather. Rev Nancy is grateful for all who were involved with both the Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday services, including both the Easter Sunrise and digital service. When the Deacons next meet, there will be discussions about what needs to be put into place in order to have in-person services.

Our current worship theme is Dare to Dance Again. Embedded in our Eastertide worship, is our Stewardship Season, which started on April 25. Commitment Sunday is May 16th and the hope is to be able to have an outdoor service. Discussions about summer worship and a Re-Dedication ceremony will need to take place soon.

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

Education: Jill DiGiorgio provided an update on Church School and Faith Formation activities. Church School will continue to meet on Zoom at 10:15am following the mini-message in the digital worship. Allison, Katie and Larainne will continue to take turns teaching and assisting. Upcoming lessons include Jesus and the Twelve, Mystery of Pentecost, and prep for Children's Sunday. Children's Sunday will be June 6 and it's theme will be "Dancing After the Rain" with a Godly Play story of The Ark and the Flood. The next Youth Group Meeting will be on Sunday, May 16 @ 1pm. There is a tentative Flower Planting event planned for Sunday, May 30.

Outreach: Linda Ladd reported on the activities of the Mission and Outreach Team. In celebration of Earth Month, we had a parking lot drive-thru Spring Cleaning Celebration on April 3. It included a paper shredding truck, which shredded a total of 1.2 tons of papers, a carful of Mission of Deeds donations, raffles and the sale of Equal Exchange goods. During April we have been having a series of Green Team video discussions during fellowship. Linda has created a Green Team webpage for the church website which features information of our Creation Justice initiatives, resources about climate change, and tips for how to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

Diaconate: Annmarie Pendola reported that the Deacons continue to assist with contacting church members who are on the Congregation Care List with phone calls or cards. They also assisted with the Maundy Thursday Service and Easter Sunrise Service. David Wallace did some organ maintenance on April 9th. The Deacons will meet on Wednesday, May 5 to discuss updates, starting parking lot services, and additional plans for future in-person services.

Stewardship: Debbie Cotting reported that the Stewardship campaign kicked off on April 25. Packets went out April 27. The theme of "Dancing Together into Our Shared Future" ties in with the worship theme of "Dare to Dance Again." Many thanks to Katie

Swayne-Gerrish for her work on the narrative budget, and to Rev Nancy for helping with its completion.

Finance: Chuck Cotting reported on the various maintenance and capital maintenance projects. Delta-Beckwith completed some elevator maintenance on March 30. Following some water entering Richards Hall on a rainy day, Chuck and Scott are investigating a potential issue with the gutter system. Chuck also provided an update on the repairs from the sprinkler flood.

Current Issues: There was a brief discussion regarding fundraisers including Anthony's Coal Fire Pizza on April 29th and the Thomson Country Club Golf Outing on June 28th.

Old/New Business:

There being no further business, Council voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Decker, Recording Secretary

Next Meeting: Monday, May 24 @ 7pm

Meditation – Jeff Law