

Parish Council Minutes – February 1, 2022

Moderator Bruce Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. In attendance on Zoom: Bruce Weaver, Rev. Nancy Rottman, Chuck Cotting, Debbie Cotting, Katherine Decker, Linda Ladd, Jeff Law, Jim Marshall, Annmarie Pendola, Scott DeSantis and Larainne Wilson. Katherine offered the meditation. Minutes from the January 11 meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

Pastor Report: Rev. Nancy Rottman reported that Lynnfield's COVID numbers have started to go back down and it's time to make some decisions regarding worship. Following a brief discussion, it was decided to do hybrid worship, in person and on livestream for the month of February, but continue to have fellowship on Zoom following the service. Council will re-evaluate the fellowship format in March. We will be finishing up our Living Our Baptism series that we starting in January. Lent begins on March 2 with Ash Wednesday.

Rev Nancy also reports that A Healthy Lynnfield will host "Together in 2022: Compassionate Conversations on Equity" on Feb 16.

Financial Reports: Treasurer Jeff Law provided Council with an update regarding the church's financial situation. Jim Marshall reported that the tax statements for 2021 have been sent out to congregation members.

Outreach: Linda Ladd reported on the activities of the Mission and Outreach Ministry Team. New flags have been ordered. There will be a Llama Love parking lot event on Sat Feb 12 to raise money for Heifer International. In addition to collecting coins, there will be fun activities related to Llamas/Alpacas and Love. Equal Exchange products and Earth Breeze detergent will be on sale as well. M&O is looking into potential Lenten/Earth Month speaker ideas as well as a future canned goods drive Labyrinth with Lynnfield for Love.

Education: Larainne reported on Church School and Faith Formation activities. We are seeking a new Nursery Assistant. Following many years of faithful service, Alicia Dwyer is stepping down from her position. Church School was held online in January. In February Godly Play will be focused on the parables. March will shift to the Mystery of Easter for Lent. An Ice Skating event was held at MarketStreet on January 16. The next Faith Formation meeting will be on March 8.

Diaconate: Annmarie Pendola reported on the activities of the Diaconate including that Deacons continue to contact members on the Congregational Care List. They will meet in February to discuss preparations for the Lenten Season and the ushering schedule. There are potential plans for a Great Pie Challenge on May 1, and a Sandwich Sunday event on May 15.

Stewardship: Debbie Cotting reported she and Rev Nancy will be meeting shortly to start planning the 2022 Stewardship Campaign.

Finance: Chuck Cotting reported on the various maintenance projects and fundraising ideas. January maintenance projects included another elevator repair, snowblower maintenance, and a sprinkler system leak in Room 24. Scheduled projects for February include the Room 14 flooring replacement (starting Feb 21) and the installation of the remaining dry pendant sprinkler heads (starting Feb 22). Additionally, Chuck will meet

with a contractor regarding repairs to the weeping concrete wall under the sprinkler main. Fundraiser ideas include another Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza fundraiser in either February or March and a Spring Flea Market and Bake Sale. The 2022 Golf Tournament will be on June 27 at The Thomson Club. The Investment Committee will next be meeting in early February.

There being no further business, Council voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Decker, Recording Secretary

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 1 @ 7pm

Meditation – Linda Ladd