

Parish Council Minutes – January 11, 2022

Moderator Bruce Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 and Scott DeSantis. Chuck offered the meditation. Minutes from the November 29 meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

Pastor Report: Rev. Nancy Rottman reported that Advent and Christmas went well. We will be having virtual services for at least the month of January and then continue to keep an eye on numbers and make a decision regarding February. Zoom fellowship has started up again and will take place following each Livestream service. Rev Nancy and the Lynnfield Clergy continue to be involved with A Healthy Lynnfield. She will be attending a training on Motivational Interviewing. Preparations for Lent, which begins March 2, are underway.

Restructuring and Renewing our Operating Organization

Parish Council will begin the process of doing a review of the bylaws and operating organization to determine what works and what changes we would recommend. Rev Nancy provided resources and a proposed plan to help guide this work.

Financial Reports: Treasurer Jeff Law provided Council with an update regarding the church's financial situation. He made a motion to move \$25,000 from the Flood Fund to Capital Maintenance, which was approved by unanimous consent.

Education: Larianne sent a report that church school has gone to meeting virtually on Zoom at 10:30 Sunday mornings. A Young Families ice skating event at MarketStreet is planned for January 16.

Outreach: Linda Ladd reported on the activities of the Mission and Outreach Ministry Team. In December, matching donations were sent to Citizens Inn and La Colaborativa. In conjunction with Tower Day School, we collected 276 items, including \$1,110 in gift cards for City Mission of Boston. Equal Exchange and Heifer "Living Gifts" can be ordered online through the church website. We will be ordering some new flags to hang outside the church.

Diaconate: Annmarie Pendola reported that after a busy Advent and Christmas, the Deacons are in a slower time. They are looking ahead to a potential pie challenge in May when the weather is nicer. Christmas cards were sent to those on the Congregational Care List. David Wallace performed the annual organ maintenance on December 9. The Chancel was decorated with poinsettias by the Flower Committee. The Centre Church Christmas concert was held on December 19. Christmas decorations will be taken down in mid January.

Stewardship: Debbie Cotting noted that there was nothing new to report from Stewardship. There was a brief discussion regarding updating the congregation on what's been happening as part of the Stewardship campaign.

Finance: Chuck Cotting reported that we have a new insurance plan with Church Mutual. The Building Team decided to go ahead with the large replacement project for

the sprinkler system. A large portion of the work took place over the Tower Day School Christmas holiday, with additional work planned for the February vacation. Another job for the February vacation may be the replacement of the flooring in Room 14. As part of the sprinkler piping replacement, the Room 10 closet had to be opened up. Our thanks to Scott for repairing the area following the replacement of the piping. Other maintenance projects for 2022 are in the works. The Investment Committee met on November 2 to discuss our current investments.

We will be having our 2022 Golf Tournament on June 27 at The Thomson Club. Another fundraising idea is to do another Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza fundraiser in early February.

Old/New Business

There being no further business, Council voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Decker, Recording Secretary

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 1 @ 7pm

Meditation – Katherine Decker