

Parish Council Minutes – May 24, 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, Jill DiGiorgio, Linda Ladd, Jeff Law, Annmarie Pendola and Larainne Wilson. Jeff offered the meditation. Minutes from 4/26/2021 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. It has been about a year since the flood. We are continuing to build our Tech Team. Looking ahead to worship services, there will probably be a mix of digital services and socially distant in person services. Celebration Sunday is June 6 and will be a digital service and then a drop-in fellowship time. Sunday, June 13 will include a celebration of PRIDE. Rev Nancy is hopeful that the fall will bring about more full version of hybrid worship, including some in-person Church School and mission opportunities, new programs and a Re-Dedication Celebration.

Nancy continues to build community relationships by attending A Healthy Lynnfield meetings and Lynnfield for Love's Community Coffee on the Common. Additionally, we are working on being able to allow outside groups to meet at the church, including the Eagle Court of Honor to be held on July 15.

Nancy also let Council know that Susan Spear will be retiring on July 2.

Financial Reports: Treasurer Jeff Law provided Council with an update regarding the budget and the potential financial impact presented with the current pandemic. He also has been working on a preliminary budget for FY2022. Council unanimously approved a motion to approve the temporary budget for FY2022.

Education: Larainne provided an update on Church School and Faith Formation activities. The "official" church school meetings wrapped on May 23 with the Mystery of Pentecost. Celebration Sunday will be June 6 and its theme will be "Dancing After the Rain" with a Godly Play story of The Ark and the Flood. Throughout the year, Faith Formation has been able to have contact with all our families in one way or another. There is a tentative Flower Planting event planned for Sunday, May 30. Summer Church School will begin on July 11 with Compassion Camp. The overall theme will be "Be Loved, Be Kind, Be You!"

Outreach: Linda Ladd reported on the activities of the Mission and Outreach Team. The Green Team sponsored a bamboo toilet paper give away on May 16. Work continues on the Green Team web page. Equal Exchange products were available for purchase on May 16. M&O continued to match funds in May including donations to Project Bread and La Colaborativa. Donations to Heifer allowed us to complete another ARK.

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 met on May 5 to discuss various topics including beginning parking lot services, having fellowship outside after services, preparations for Commitment Sunday, preparations for eventual return to inside service, new sound/livestream system and the replacement of the paraments in the Sanctuary.

Stewardship: Debbie Cotting reported that we have received 39 pledges as of May 24. A reminder will go out in Tower Notes.

Finance: Chuck Cotting reported on the various maintenance and capital maintenance projects. Maintenance projects including removing a clog in the Sanctuary front gutter, repairs and updates to the Narthex exterior door, installation of a bulletin board in the kitchen, and the installation of new door stops on the kitchen doors that lead to Richards Hall. Chuck also provided an update on the repairs from the sprinkler failure.

Current Issues:

There was a brief discussion about fundraising. Debbie provided an update on the November 6 fair. Chuck reported on the success of the Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza fundraiser held on April 29 and provided an update about the Golf Outing scheduled for June 28.

Old/New Business:

There was a discussion about how to honor Susan for her years of service in anticipation of her retirement on July 2.

There being no further business, Council voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Decker, Recording Secretary

Next Meeting: Monday, June 21 @ 7pm

Meditation – Jim Marshall