

## **Parish Council Minutes – September 7, 2021**

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, Jill DiGiorgio, Linda Ladd, Jeff Law, Jim Marshall, Annmarie Pendola and Scott DeSantis. Annmarie offered the meditation.

**Pastor Report:** Rev. Nancy Rottman reported that she has started back at work and is making progress every day. We have a new Church Administrator. Alison O'Connor will start on Thursday, September 9. We will be transitioning to the Sanctuary on Sunday, September 12. A group was trained on the Power Sound equipment on August 27 and we hope to start livestreaming with the September 12 service. Fall worship will be a time of experimentation as we figure out hybrid worship. Our worship series will be Called To Be Church, which has a focus on Acts. Our new custom ordinary time paraments have been installed. The Choir will be starting up on September 16. Tower Day School has started the 2021-2022 school year. Rev Nancy will be participating in A Night of Hope on Sunday, September 26 at 6:00p.m. Haven from Hunger is having an Open House on Saturday, October 16 that will launch their Citizens Inn to Opportunity Campaign. The Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Event will also be on Saturday, October 16. Bible Study is hoping to start up sometime in October.

**Financial Reports:** Treasurer Jeff Law provided Council with an update regarding the church's financial situation. He presented an operating budget for 2021 – 2022. Following some discussion, a motion was made to accept the 2021-2022 operating budget as presented during the September 7 Parish Council meeting. The motion was seconded and passed with none opposed.

**Education:** Jill provided an update on Faith Formation. Church School will be starting up on Sunday, September 19. Due to some reduction in staffing, the plan is go with a "one-room" schoolhouse approach to at least start the year. Katie Swayne-Gerrish is looking to take a more active leadership role. The next Faith Formation meeting will be September 14.

**Outreach:** Linda Ladd reported on the activities of the Mission and Outreach Ministry Team. Matching Funds went to La Colaborativa and My Brother's Table during the months of June, July and August. Earth Breeze Fresh Scene and Fragrance-Free plastic-free laundry detergent has been added to the goods being bought in bulk and passed on to the congregation at wholesale prices. The next M&O meeting is on September 16.

**Diaconate:** Annmarie Pendola reported that the Deacons have continued to contact members on the Congregational Care list. Rev. Charles Wildman was our guest minister from August 8 – August 29. As we transition back to the Sanctuary, the plan is to place the collection plate at the Sanctuary doors to help reduce the number of people who handle the plates. The Deacons will meet on September 12 to discuss the ushering schedule for September and October, openings on the Diaconate, hosting coffee hour one Sunday a month, the Annual Meeting on Sept 26, suggestions for the new Church year, and Charlotte McClure's memorial service on Nov 11.

**Stewardship:** Debbie Cotting reported our Stewardship numbers remain the same.

**Finance:** Chuck Cotting reported that the 2021 Insurance Board Supplemental renewal questionnaire was submitted on August 26. He reported on various maintenance projects including a small sprinkler system corrosion leak, some water seepage into Richards Hall as well as some buckling in the flooring of Richards Hall and kitchen. We are happy that Scott has been able to resume working on various projects in the church. There have been a number of building use requests including a crafts day on September 11 and Boy Scout meetings. Additional requests will need to be reviewed and discussed as needed. Chuck also provided an update on the repairs from the flood.

**2021 Annual Meeting:** The 2021 Annual meeting will be held on Sunday, September 26, 2021. There was a brief discussion regarding the nominating committee report.

**Old/New Business:** There was a discussion regarding the potential fair in November. Following the discussion and due to COVID concerns, the decision was made to cancel the fair. An outdoor flea market will be held on Saturday, October 16 to coincide with the Friends of the Lynnfield Library book sale. Another fundraiser idea is for another golf tournament to be held next June at The Thomson Club.

There being no further business, Council voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Decker, Recording Secretary

**Next Meeting: Monday, September 27 @ 7pm**

**Meditation – Bruce Weaver**