

Parish Council Minutes – March 1, 2022

Moderator Bruce Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. In attendance at Church: Bruce Weaver, Rev. Nancy Rottman, Chuck Cotting, Debbie Cotting, Katherine Decker, Scott DeSantis, Linda Ladd, Jeff Law, Jim Marshall, Annmarie Pendola, and Laraine Wilson. Linda offered the meditation. Minutes from the February 1 meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

Pastor Report: Rev. Nancy Rottman reported that masks are now optional for Tower Day staff and students. Following a decision regarding worship, it was decided that in addition to the return of in-person coffee hour, we will move forward with mask-optional worship, including singing. Lent will begin with Ash Wednesday on March 2. The worship theme for Lent will be “Good Enough,” which is based on a collection of devotionals written by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie. A book discussion on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday evenings will be started up, as well as the return on the labyrinth on Wednesday evenings as well. The choir will be performing a cantata on Palm Sunday. There will be a sunrise Easter service at Newhall Park, as well as 10am Easter Sunday in-person and livestream service. Our Easter season and Stewardship themes will be taken from Generous Giving, a curriculum from Illustrated Ministries. Commitment Sunday is May 22. Rev Nancy attended the Small Church Submit on Feb 26, which provided a lot of good information for our ongoing discussion on governance and ministry.

Financial Reports: Treasurer Jeff Law provided Council with an update regarding the church’s financial situation. He reports that pledges are down a bit.

Education: Laraine reported that the Nursery position is still open. Church School is doing the Mystery of Easter, followed by the Faces of Easter. Children will be involved with the service on both Palm Sunday and Easter. The next Youth Group meeting will be on March 20. The next Young Families Group gathering will be on April 24 at Richardson’s. Faith Formation will next meet on March 8.

Outreach: Linda Ladd reported that the missing flag came back. The Llama Love Event on Feb 12 was very successful. We raised enough money to buy 4 alpacas. Citizens Inn held its annual meeting and announced that volunteering is back, including shifts for meal prep and gardening opportunities.

Diaconate: Annmarie Pendola reported that we started back with in-person worship services on Feb 6 with Zoom fellowship. In-person fellowship will return on March. We celebrated the Baptism of Hudson Hatfield on Feb 26. The Deacons are meeting on March 6 to discuss preparations for the Lenten Season.

Stewardship: Debbie Cotting reported that she and Rev Nancy met to discuss the stewardship campaign. The theme will be “Because Everyone Needs,” taken from the illustrated devotional, Generous Giving. On April 24, we will have a meeting to inform the congregation about the Flood Fund, completed restoration work, and work that still needs to be done. We will use parts of Chuck’s Power Point presentation depicting the damage, work in process, work completed, and work remaining. Stewardship will also develop a Narrative Budget. The Stewardship campaign will begin on May 1 in conjunction with the Pie Challenge and end with Commitment Sunday on May 22.

Finance: Chuck Cotting reported on the various maintenance projects and fundraising ideas. The Flooring project in Room 14 was completed on Feb 21. Repairs were made to the concrete wall under the sprinkler main. The Investment Committee met on Feb 16 to make some adjustments to our investments.

In terms of fundraisers, we will do a eat-in/take-out fundraiser with Anthony Coal Fired Pizza on Thursday, March 24 and Thursday, March 31. The Flea Market and Bake Sale will be on Saturday, May 14. Debbie also brought up the idea of trying again for the Holiday Craft Fair for November 5. There was a brief discussion about a potential trivia night in the fall.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Decker, Recording Secretary

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 29 @ 7pm

Meditation – Jeff Law