

Parish Council Minutes – May 31, 2022

Moderator Bruce Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:06 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. Annmarie offered the meditation. Minutes from the April 19 meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

Pastor Report:

May was busy and Rev Nancy thanks everyone for all the hard work to make all events a success. We are finishing up our Worship series, Generous Giving, with Pentacost. Discussions about summer plans are underway.

Financial Reports: Treasurer Jeff Law provided Council with an update regarding the church's financial situation. He also presented a preliminary operating budget for FY2023. A motion was made and seconded to accept the preliminary operating budget to present at the special meeting of the Congregation on June 19. It was approved by unanimous consent. There was also a discussion about contributions to the conferences and associations that we belong to.

Education: Larainne reported on the activities of Faith Formation. The children have been following the Generous Giving Illustrated Devotional through the giving season. Children's Sunday will be Sunday, June 12th and will have a theme of Baptism. The last Youth Group meeting for the year will be held on June 5th. Planning for Summer Sundays is underway.

Outreach: Linda Ladd reported on the activities of the Mission and Outreach Ministry Team. The M&O Team sold a number of Equal Exchange and Earth Breeze products at their table on the common during an Art Guild Event on April 30 as well as at the May 14 Flea Market/Bake Sale. Linda helped Larainne with worship on May 8 with a theme on Climate Change. M&O also provided Fellowship that day. Members helped out at the STAMP Out Hunger event on May 14 that was held at the Big Y to support Citizen's Inn/Haven From Hunger. Linda let Council know that Haven From Hunger is once again looking for volunteers. M&O will look into perhaps setting up a monthly volunteer day.

Diaconate: Annmarie Pendola reported on the activities of the Diaconate. We celebrated the Baptism of Reagan Layne Greel on May 1. The Great Pie Challenge was held on May 1 and Brown Bag Sunday was held on May 15. Both events were very successful. The life of Elizabeth Baud was celebrated on May 18. The Wedding of Baylee Priestly and Craig Blanchette was held on May 29. Annmarie is waiting for more details from Mr. Wallace in regards to the organ maintenance. The Deacons will meet in early June to discuss upcoming baptisms, the ushering schedule for summer and the memorial service for Michael Klapes (June 25).

Stewardship: Debbie Cotting reported on some of the preliminary results of the Stewardship Campaign.

Finance: Chuck Cotting reported about the various maintenance projects and fundraisers. Maintenance projects included an insect extermination on April 25 and the Todd Hall re-painting project by Scott this summer. We are now participating in a water on the floor and low/high heat sensor alert program through Church Mutual. As part of

this new program we received new base unit and sensors to be installed. In terms of fundraisers we had a successful Spring Flea Market and Bake Sale on May 14. The Golf Tournament will be held on June 27 at The Thomson Club.

Old/New Business: Rev Nancy reported on some upcoming community opportunities with Lynnfield for Love including a Pride Event on June 4, Race Amity Day on June 12 and a Juneteenth Walk on June 18. Additionally we will return to pre-pandemic communion on June 5.

There was a brief discussion regarding the ongoing bylaws review.

There being no further business, Council voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Decker, Recording Clerk

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 21 @ 7pm

Meditation – Bruce Weaver