

Parish Council Minutes – October 25, 2022

Moderator Bruce Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M. In attendance: Bruce Weaver, Rev. Lori Anne Wyckoff, Chuck Cotting, Debbie Cotting, Katherine Decker, Linda Ladd, Jeff Law, Jim Marshall, and Annmarie Pendola. Bruce offered the meditation. Minutes from the September 20 meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

Pastor Update: Rev Lori Ann Wyckoff reported that we will celebrate All Saints Day as part of worship on Nov 6 following Halloween fun on October 30. Advent starts the Sunday right after Thanksgiving, November 27. Plans for Advent and the Christmas season are underway and include the theme of reflecting on the sacred. A Blue Christmas service will be held on December 4. Following the two Christmas Eve services on Saturday, December 24 at 5 and 11 pm, there will be no worship on Sunday, December 25. The January 1 service will be a carol sing in the chapel. Rev Lori also reported that work is coming along on the new website.

Team Updates:

The Deacons are meeting on Sunday, October 30 to talk about upcoming Advent Season.

Treasurer Jeff Law reported that we are doing a bit better than budget. Chuck provided a summary of the Investments Committee meeting.

Social and Environmental Ministries will be doing the usual collections for Thanksgiving and Christmas. These include Ma Duke's gift cards, Haven From Hunger, City Mission/Angel Tree (set up on 11/26, decorating on 12/4). They will also host fellowship on the 2nd Sunday of each month and will continue to sell Equal Exchange and Earth Breeze items at church and during the Fair. The Team is looking to expand team membership.

The Fair is coming up on November 5. Pie orders have started coming in and are due on November 13. The pies will then be available for pickup on November 19 and 20.

There was a brief discussion around the Choir and the Christmas concert. We will be having some paid high school interns joining us following Thanksgiving.

Faith Formation met last week to discuss the upcoming year and how best to serve our families. Rev Lori also reported that Confirmation Class going well.

Potential 2022- 2023 Parish Council Goals:

There was a discussion about potential goals for Parish Council and goals for the church. Ideas included thoughts on getting people involved, re-defining and increasing membership, and exploring potential community partnerships. We started to brainstorm big picture ideas and will continue to do so in the next meeting. This included ideas about what comes up every year, major projects such as the kitchen, organ, elevator and painting. There was also some discussion about how to meet the needs of all, get more people involved, and how to get information out about getting involved.

New/Old Business:

There was a brief discussion regarding money for investments. A motion was made and seconded to move \$100,000 from the Tower Day Fund to the Investment Fund. Following a brief discussion it was approved by unanimous consent.

Chuck also provided an update regarding the kitchen. He gathered information from the building and health inspector, and proposes putting together a kitchen sub committee.

There being no further business, Council voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Decker, Recording Secretary

Next Meeting: Monday, December 6 @ 7pm