

## **Parish Council Minutes – February 7, 2023**

Moderator Bruce Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. In attendance: Bruce Weaver, Chuck Cotting, Debbie Cotting, Katherine Decker, Scott DeSantis, Linda Ladd, Jeff Law, Jim Marshall, Annmarie Pendola, and Larainne Wilson.

Debbie offered the meditation. Minutes from the December 5 meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

### **Pastor Update:**

Parish Council expresses condolences to Rev Lori on the passing of her mother. Also a thank you to Rev Nancy Butcher for filling in while Rev Lori has been away.

### **Team Updates:**

Rev Lori and Debbie met to discuss the Stewardship campaign, which will run from April 23 until Commitment Sunday on May 7. The theme is still to be determined.

Larainne reported that the Faith Formation team will meet in early March. Plans are being made for Lenten muffins during Lent. Godly Play is doing a diversity audit of their materials, and we have bought some of the new materials and will look at others. Larainne is going to meet with Rev Lori about offering something on Zoom midweek for kids since getting to church school on Sundays is harder for many families. There may be a church school element to the Zoom while also including other activities. The Confirmation class is going on a confirmation retreat March 10-11. Faith Formation is also looking at partnering with another UCC church this summer for a summer of service type program.

There was some discussion regarding the new format of Tower Notes, weekly email, calendar and website.

Annmarie reported that the Pie Challenge will be coming back in either April or May. The Deacons will be meeting later in February.

Chuck provided an update from the Finance & Operations Ministry Team. The very cold snap tripped the breakers so PDA Electrical came and resolved the issue on Feb 7. Verizon Wireless continues to work on finding solutions for the noisy equipment in their equipment room. Chuck and Scott have been working with Tower Day on plans for bathroom renovations to take place over the summer. They are also talking with Wayne Alarm Systems regarding quotes for an access control system with key cards for improved security.

Jeff gave a quick budget update.

The Easter Basket program to benefit La Colaborativa will be taking place once again and donations of wrapped candy would be appreciated.

### **Group Discussion:**

There was a brief discussion about the process for staff reviews. Additionally, there was a review of the updated Bylaws and new team and meeting formats.

### **New/Old Business:**

There being no further business, Council voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Decker, Recording Secretary

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 28 @ 7pm**