

Parish Council Minutes – March 28, 2023

Moderator Bruce Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:06pm. In attendance: Bruce Weaver, Rev Lori Wyckoff, Chuck Cotting, Debbie Cotting, Katherine Decker, Linda Ladd, Jeff Law, Jim Marshall, Annmarie Pendola, and Larainne Wilson on Zoom.

Linda offered the meditation.

Minutes from the February 28, 2023 meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

Pastor Update:

Rev Lori informed Council that we are no longer using Chapel Sites to create our new website and recommended that the church consider looking at Wordpress as an alternative. There is an effort in town to put in contact all youth-serving organizations in town in order to share resources and the organizers would like to include Centre Church in those efforts.

Rev Lori and Ali are working on transitioning work in preparation for Rev Lori's departure.

Group Discussion:

There was a discussion about the plans for the interim search and the transition. The first steps are to create a list of tasks and review materials from the Conference Minister. There was also a discussion about announcing Larainne's departure.

Team Updates:

Larainne reported that Faith Formation will be having an Easter Egg Hunt on April 2.

Annmarie reported that the Deacons will be meeting on April 16. Topics to be discussed include the baptism on April 16 and the Pie Challenge on May 21.

Chuck reported that we are waiting for estimates for bathroom vanities and storage cabinetry. We are also working with Bill's Lock and New England School Systems on crash bar and electronic lock installations as part of the Access Control System project. Tower Day School would also like to see about doing a lighting improvement project. Chuck also reported that Trivia Night was a big success and that the Golf Tournament will be held on June 24.

Linda provided an update on the activities of the Social & Environmental Ministries. S&E will be hosting Fellowship on April 2 and May 14. There are also volunteer opportunities with Haven From Hunger and Newhall Fields. Currently the flags flying are the Earth Flag and the Easter Flag which will go until Pentacost.

Debbie reported that the Stewardship theme is "Emerge: Claiming New Possibilities." The Stewardship Committee will be working on creating a narrative budget.

Jeff made a motion to extend the resolution to allow Finance Committee to move cash from The Savings Bank to the Investment Account at Darwin Trust as needed.

Old/New Business:

There being no further business, Council voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Decker, Recording Secretary

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 25 @ 7pm