

Dunbarton Congregational Church
Church Council Meeting
May 20, 2018

Present: **Moderator** – Alexis Wallace
 Clerk – Lynn Leslie
 Pastor Chris Owen
 C/E & Curios – Stephanie Herlihy
 Deacons – Bill Zeller
 Missions – Anne Zeller
 Search Committee – Jen Oliver
 Stewardship – Jen Oliver
 Communications – Linda Morse
 Treasurer – Absent
 Trustees – Jeff Wallace
 At Large – Margaret Venator
 Music – Absent
 In attendance – Mark Lang

April minutes were accepted.

Reports:

- **Treasurer** (Jeff Wallace): no report available, but finances are as expected
- **C/E:**
 - The theme for church school next year will be “Women of the Bible”
 - June 10th is children’s Sunday. One gift will be given out this year. Ice cream will be served.
 - Food for Thought will be in August. Linda Morse and Barb Bennett will give a presentation on the information they received when they attended the “Part-time Pastor / Full Time Church” seminar
- **Curios:**
 - The owner of the building, Dick Burchell, will not raise the rent for next year’s lease.
 - Over \$300 was made on the Saturday that Arts on the Common was in progress
- **Search:**
 - Five pastor profiles were received. The mock interviews went well. It will take about two weeks to go through the profiles, then narrow it down to 3 or 4 candidates. The intention is to move as soon as possible.
- **Stewardship:**
 - The next meeting will be after the Food for Thought
 - Barb and Linda will share what they learned at the “Part-time Pastor / Full Time Church” seminar, one thing being that a part-time pastor needs the support of the church and members need to step up and share their talents
- **Communications:** a letter is going to be sent to members pointing out changes due to having a part-time pastor
- **Music:** absent

- **Deacons:**
 - There is a shortage of Deacons, especially for the summer.
 - Coverage for Pastor Chris while he's on vacation will be James Davenport on July 15th, Dawn Berry on August 5th and Charlotte Bell on August 12th
 - Looking into ideas for music, such as approaching music and high schools.
 - No meeting scheduled for June and July; will be in touch via email/phone.
- **Mission:**
 - \$30.00 was received through One Great Hour of Sharing
 - \$142.00 went toward the books on diversity
 - \$280.00 / share for Fresh Start Farms (from the coffee sales-total coffee sales=\$714.00)
 - Council approved allowing Fresh Start Farms to use the church site for weekly orders pick up
 - Roadside cleanup; picked up 12 bags of trash. Next cleanup date is June 2nd
 - There has been no recent food pantry activity
 - A grant is being written by Margaret Watkins for NH Humanities program presentations twice a year, in October and March
- **Pastor Chris:**
 - Subjects included in worship were Fresh Start Farm, Animal Blessing and Opioid Crisis.
 - He will be on vacation for July 15th, Aug 5th & 12th Sundays
- **Trustees:**
 - Current projects:
 - Trench in front of the vestry
 - Vestry windows
 - Furnace (late summer)
 - Painting
 - Pastor's office rehab; possible addition of a window to be contracted out
 - Setting up wi-fi for church and Curios

Discussions & old business:

- **Old Home Days** (Mark Lang):
 - August 18th – discussion of church participating in a bake sale
- **Arts on the Common:** \$817.66 from the sale of baked goods.
- **Member list:** a few letters have been returned. Should have the list completed for the next council meeting in June
- **By-laws:** a committee will be established to review and update by-laws regarding members, Chris will assist and maybe Dean Bacon would be willing, also?

Next Church Council meeting June 17th (no meeting in July)