

Church Council Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2018

Present:

Moderator – Alexis Wallace
Assistant Clerk and Communications – Linda Morse
Pastor – Chris Owen
C/E & Curios – Stephanie Herlihy
Deacons – Carol Ann Jane
Trustees – Dean Bacon
Missions – Patty Shearin
Search and Stewardship – Jen Oliver
Music – Lizz Ferdina
At Large – Margaret Venator

May minutes were accepted.

Reports

Treasurer –

- Dean distributed a spreadsheet showing May's figures and the 2018 BOB.
- Curios may move some money to the church. The year to date income is approximately \$5,500 and expenses are \$3,500. Stephanie will talk to Pam. The phone is a "business rate" and expense, but the land line is necessary for safety reasons since cell reception is not reliable.

Pastor Chris –

- He reviewed the list of tasks for interim pastors to see if there's anything he needs to do to prepare us for the next pastor, such as helping to develop a Mission focus with Fresh Start Farms. He's open to ideas. Before he leaves, there will be a meeting with him to get a reflection of DCC; impressions, strengths, weaknesses etc.
- The Asset Mapping exercise was completed during a worship service.

Missions –

- Fresh Start Farms - sets up on the DCC lawn on Saturday afternoons as a pick-up spot for CSA and for selling extra produce.
- Roadside Cleanup – done June 2nd. The next cleanup will be August 25. Tick repellant is recommended.
- Food Pantry - Patty completed checking the expiration dates of the supplies. Goods that would be out of date in October were donated to the NH Food Bank.
- Humanities Council Program – Margaret Watkins is writing grants for one of two presentations to be held in the sanctuary at 4:00 on October 14 or the 21st. "All Eyes Upon Us" - racial struggles in New England, or "Quest for Happiness."
- Next meeting is September 5 at 6:30.

C/E –

- Food for Thought – scheduled for September 8 at the vestry. Barb Bennett and Linda will do a presentation about the "Part Time Pastor-Full Time Church" conference they attended.
- Church School – Lengthy discussion regarding the lack of kids. Discontinuing Church School is being considered. Margaret suggested contacting the head of the Dunbarton Community Group, Beth Ayers, a well-connected group of Dunbarton residents.
- Curios – All voted to extend the lease; the rent is still \$350/month. Sales average \$1,000/month. The "Square" payment system for entering sales/credit cards became inoperable.

Communications

- No news to report. Steph will find out if the Curios brochure is still useful. If so, it will be updated.

Deacons

- No meetings in June or July
- James Davenport and Mason will present the August 15 sermon.
- Sandi and Carol Ann are the deacons in July

Music

- No news to report
- Lizz is playing two Sundays; going electronic for the other Sundays
- A local musician is playing July 8th.

Search Committee

- May need \$2,000 for expenses to have a candidate travel to NH and conduct a service at a neutral pulpit for the Search Committee to evaluate. Deacons has undesignated \$2,000 available.
- First interviews have been conducted with all candidates, and the committee will discuss at the next meeting.
- A question came up regarding designating units. The UCC has a document that helps churches determine how time will be spent. The surveys addressed this as well.
- All the candidates have other sources of income

Stewardship

- Scheduled to kick off in September.

Trustees

- Puddle in the parking area – plans are being made to drain it.
- The north side of the vestry will be painted.
- Repair work on the furnace is also on the to-do list. Margaret offered to pay to quiet the fan in the sanctuary.
- Office window – a carpenter will install a window in the vestry office's west wall this week. A question was raised regarding authorization of this physical change to the building. The meeting attendees felt that enough review had occurred, since the idea was vetted by the Trustees then brought forth at a CC meeting and no one had any objections. All agreed that the bylaws should be revised to address future changes in the physical appearance of the church and vestry.
- **All were reminded that the minutes of the CC meetings need to be distributed to the members of the various committees for better communication.**
- New insurance carrier – starting in July and is better coverage. Work comp stays with current company.
- Continuing to try to get a wireless signal to the Curios building. Also working on passwords for DCC phone.

Old Home Day – Running a bake sale was not carried forward.

Bylaws Review Committee

- Volunteers: Alexis, Dean, Carol Ann, Lynn and Chris
- **All Boards and Committee members should review the bylaws. Suggestions are welcome.**

Next meeting: August 19