

Dunbarton Congregational Church
Church Council Meeting
September 16, 2018

Present: **Moderator** – Alexis Wallace
 Clerk – Lynn Leslie
 Pastor Chris Owen
 C/E & Curios – Stephanie Herlihy
 Deacons – Carol Ann Jane & Sandi Decknick
 Missions –Anne Zeller
 Search Committee – Jen Oliver
 Stewardship – Jen Oliver
 Communications – Absent
 Treasurer – Pam Milioto
 Trustees – Jeff Wallace
 At Large – Margaret Venator
 Music – Lizz Ferdina via email

June minutes were accepted as amended.

Reports:

- **Treasurer:** doing great; report accepted.
- **C/E:**
 - The theme for church school will be “Women of the Bible”
 - Plans to make some changes as far as the children being encouraged to sit with their parents in the pews to learn more about the service.
 - The request for a bulletin board in the vestry was approved by the council. The bulletin board will be one that can be opened and closed including a white and chalk board. Waiting for the cost estimate.
 - The Food for Thought had a good turnout of 15 people. Plans to have another follow up session on the subject “Part-time Pastor/Full-time Church” sometime in the future concentrating on a positive outlook.
- **Curios:**
 - Doing good. Had a little trouble getting volunteers this month.
 - Time for a “Thank You” luncheon for the volunteers. October 21st Pastor Chris will include thanks in the service followed by a lunch.
- **Pastor Chris:**
 - The fall meeting of the Merrimack Association will be in Franklin on September 30th
 - The annual meeting of the NH Conference will be in Concord at the Grappone Center on October 21st. Jeff Wallace will attend; another delegate is needed.
- **Stewardship:**
 - No update...waiting for the search committee results
- **Communications:** Absent
- **Music:** Lizz Ferdina sent an email with an update
 - Christmas concert will be December 2nd (approved by council). Practice will begin right after Halloween.
 - Halloween is Wednesday, October 31st. Lizz will ask Danny to play the organ that night.

- **Deacons:**
 - The shortage of deacons during the summer has made it difficult for the two remaining deacons.
 - Requesting two more deacons to help fill the void, possibly even for summer part time.
 - Next meeting the 17th
- **Mission:**
 - Fresh Start Farms will remain at the church for Saturday pick up through Oct 15th.
 - Roadside cleanup on Aug 25th; picked up 5 bags of trash. Next cleanup date is October 6th.
 - Food pantry items are needed. Community members have had the need to use the food pantry and money for utilities.
 - NH Humanities program presentation of "All Eyes Are Upon Us: Racial Struggles in the Northeast, from Jackie Robinson to Deval Patrick" is planned for October 14th
 - The budget balance is \$724
 - Halloween on the 31st; 5 to 8 pm
 - VNA Flu shots on November 9th from 9 to 11 am
 - Next meeting October 11th
- **Trustees:**
 - The audit for year ending December 31, 2016 has been completed by Lydia Frasca, finding no problems.
 - A donation was received from Dennis Card and Maureen McCanty
 - The drain in the front parking area has been completed
 - Mark Lang has offered to buy a defibrillator for the church
 - The leftover flooring and furniture items from the pastor's office will be offered for sale
 - The furnace is not working now while Tom fabricates some parts that are causing the noisy vibrations
 - There was a discussion on how to finance the sign for the church...to be continued. Pam noted that money is still being collected for the vestry renovation.
- **Search Committee:**
 - The \$2,000 requested for travel was not used
 - A candidate has been selected
 - The committee to develop the Call will include 1 Deacon (Carol Ann), 1 Pastoral Relations member (Bill Zeller), 2 Trustees (Tom and Mike) and the Search Committee
 - A preliminary schedule has been set up and may be changed as needed by committee members and the potential candidate
 - Meeting to develop the Call; October 3rd
 - Meeting to refine the Call; October 10th
 - Church service by the selected candidate; October 28th
 - Pastor Chris' last day; November 4th 😞
 - New Pastor's first service; November 11th 😊
 - The search committee will make available to the congregation an overview of what will be included in the call
- **Pastoral Relations Committee:** Met with Pastor Chris and had no issues

Discussions & old business:

- **By-laws:** a committee will meet to discuss bylaws. Members are Chris, Alexis, Dean, Carol Ann and Lynn

Next Church Council meeting October 21st at **9:00 am**

