

Dunbarton Congregational Church
Church Council Meeting via Zoom
September 27, 2020

Present:

Moderator – Linda Morse
Vice Moderator – Scott Leslie
Clerk – Lynn Leslie
Pastor *absent*
C/E & Curios – Stephanie Herlihy
Deacons – Carol-Ann Jane
Missions – *absent*
Stewardship – Linda Morse
Treasurer – *Absent*
Trustees – Scott Leslie
Music – Lizz Ferdina
Members at Large – Barb Bennett
In Attendance – Mark Lang, Joyce Ray, and Marsha McKay

Opening Prayer: Joyce Ray

August Church Council minutes were approved

- **The next outdoor gathering** will be October 11th, based on the weather
- **Advent:** Volunteers are still needed to do the readings and candle lighting. This can take place in the church or at home. Carol-Ann will make some phone calls in the upcoming week to request readers.
- **Virtual Christmas Concert:**
 - Lizz reached out to some Spireside performers to record music, several said they would.
 - There will be no children's choir.
 - The church pianists, Barbara, Lyndley and Danny will play/record music in the church
 - **Discussion:**
 - Should this be a free online concert, or should we ask for donations?
 - *Few people thought much money could be made*
 - A lot of work could go into making this YouTube video and it could bomb
 - *Opinion was that if there was little income to be made, was all of the work worth it?*
 - What are the COVID guidelines for the times people would be filming in the church?
 - *Sanitize before entering, wear masks when not distancing, wipe down items used and a couple of days between filming should keep everyone safe*
 - Could the concert be combined with the Christmas Eve service instead of doing a separate YouTube movie?
 - *The songs could be recorded and added to the service at the end*
 - Decorate the church after Oct. 7 and Stewardship filming so that Christmas songs can start to be filmed. Carol-Ann and Linda volunteered; Addison will be contacted regarding the tree.
 - It was decided that Lizz would organize the Christmas music to be performed at the end of the Christmas Eve service. This music could be provided as a separate video to be shown at a different time, as well.

- **Deacons:**
 - The Thanksgiving service with St. John's will be filmed
 - No Halloween is planned for the church
- **Signage:**
 - The rainbow strips have been added on the sign and church. The current sign message will stay up for the rest of the month.
 - Plan to put the church website address on the sign whenever room allows. More letters may need to be purchased.
- **Stewardship:**
 - The stewardship committee is organizing committee representatives to appear in a YouTube video named "Keeping the Doors Open". The video will highlight committee activities, especially connections to the community, as well as humorous references to money. DCC is still active even though the church is closed.
 - Filming will be on Oct. 3rd, 5th, and 7th to be released on Oct. 29th.
 - A notice will be in the weekly news on the 29th with a link to the YouTube
 - The pledge cards will be mailed on Oct. 28 and will point to the DCC website and link to the YouTube.
- **Curios:** Stephanie mentioned that one of the volunteers is having immigration issues. Prayer shawls were given to him and his partner with prayers that their difficulties will be resolved.
- **Trustees:** Wreaths and Poinsettias will be sold again this year. Pastor Robert will be asked to set up the order page on the church website ~~as he did last year~~. A notice on the sign will go up in November.

Mentioned: Joyce Ray pointed out the November 20th is National Transgender Awareness Day and will talk with the deacons about having it included in the service the Sunday before.

The next council meeting will be October 18th via zoom at 11:00 am.