

Dunbarton Congregational Church
Church Council Meeting via Zoom
January 10, 2021

Present:

Moderator – Linda Morse
Vice Moderator – Scott Leslie
Clerk – Lynn Leslie
Pastor Robert Vodra
C/E & Curios – Stephanie Herlihy
Deacons – Carol-Ann Jane
Missions – Anne Zeller
Stewardship – Linda Morse
Treasurer – *Absent*
Trustees – Addison Chase
Communications – Bob Ray
Music – Absent
Members at Large – Barb Bennett
In Attendance – Joyce Ray

Opening Prayer: Pastor Robert

December Church Council minutes were approved

Curios on the Common:

- The potters' studio offered by Jen Oliver will not be used because of the work needed to make it usable
- Don Larson spoke with the owner of the gas station building who was open to the possibility of renting it for about \$300 with heat and electricity being extra. It will be shown to Stephanie and Don some evening after the store at Page's Corner closes.
- Dick Burchell's widow, Grace, is in the process of making repairs to the Curios building. The combination of the lockbox was given to Mrs. Burchell. It appears her intention is to keep the building, meaning Curios may not have to move. Items in the storage area will be moved to Bill and Anne Zeller's barn temporarily while repairs are done.
- Stephanie and Jackie have opened the shop to individuals who want a "private" viewing of items for sale and will continue to do so. Also considering another yard sale in the spring.

Stewardship:

- There are 25 units pledges equaling \$28,402.
- Pledge envelopes are upstairs in the vestry if anyone wants theirs.

DCC Direction:

- Linda has asked the council members to list the following:
 - What do you feel the most important focus of the church should be?
 - What activities do you have the most energy to work on?
- Open and Affirming implementation
- Deacons suggest an open house either in the spring when outdoor services can resume or when the church reopens after the pandemic shutdown
- A suggestion was made to have breakout groups further define the church's priorities after the council discussion
- A suggestion to build on the "community" church activities was made

Annual Meeting:

- Reports are due by January 17th
- The annual report will be printed. An electronic file will be sent as soon as it's completed

UCC Annual Yearbook:

- There is a new supplemental section covering Covid19 changes to church activity
- If any additional information needed, Lynn would contact whoever is responsible

Trustees:

- Addison has taken down almost all of the Christmas decorations. The buildings and walkways are all in good shape.

Deacons:

- The Christmas services went well. Now they are preparing for spring services that can hopefully be held outdoors.

Pastor's Report:

- Continuing to create online services each week
- Noticed that the book club via zoom had enabled people to join in the discussion when they were away on vacation or at summer homes.
- Attending online informational meetings

Next Church Council meeting will be February 14th at 11:00 am via zoom.