

Dunbarton Congregational Church
Church Council Meeting via Zoom
October 18, 2020

Present:

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

Opening Prayer: Pastor Robert

September Church Council minutes were approved

Virtual productions:

- **Stewardship:**
 - Bob Ray needs a link and description of the video
 - Post on the church website, and the Facebook pages for the church and community
 - Still have two more sessions to film (being done today)
 - Info on viewing the YouTube will be printed on the 80 pledge cards being mailed out on Oct. 28th
- **Christmas Concert conversation:**
 - Lizz has several friends that will help
 - Anne will unlock the church for those musicians needing to enter
 - There are at least 10 people that will play music
 - There will be no fee to watch, but possibly a link at the end for donations
 - Linda will contact the advertisers from last year to solicit sponsors rather than advertisers. A PDF sponsor list and a performer program could be included in the video. Patty will send her the list of last year's advertisers. Cost will remain the same as last year.
 - The level of difficulty of producing the video will determine the content. Keep it simple and fun.
 - Lizz will research the licensing details.

Deacons:

- All set for the advent and Christmas Eve readers
- The deacons will continue reaching out to members, changing their call list so people will hear a different voice
- May also send out birthday cards to stay in touch
- Robert and Dan Andrus will be doing a Thanksgiving service
- Barb & Anne will be decorating the church for Christmas filming. Addison will put up the tree.

Missions:

- Patty may be stepping back from her activity on the missions committee which means the Community Assistant programs such as the Food Pantry and Secret Elf will need a new coordinator or end. Missions needs members. Possibly partner with another group in town?
- Thanksgiving baskets will be packed on November 22nd morning to be picked up on that afternoon, and people will have pick-up times to avoid congestion. Anne volunteered to deliver if need be. Patty will maintain a food sign-up sheet. Possibly share on the community Facebook page for donations.
- Shelley Westenberg may be a community contact for programs like the Secret Elf.
- The VNA will do flu shots on November 10th from 9:00 to 11:00 – Masks and appointments are required. Display on Facebook pages for the church and community.
- November is Transgender Awareness month with Awareness “week” being Nov. 13th thru the 20th.
- There’s competition for the church sign as there are several activities in October and November (Stewardship, VNA, LGBTQ, wreaths, and possibly the concert) so there’s the possibility of using a sandwich board for the VNA. There is concern regarding vandalism of the sign for the Transgender Awareness Week message (Nov 13-20) but one will be posted given the limited number of letters. Police will be given a heads up.

Trustees:

- The wreath and poinsettia sale will happen this year to be displayed on the sign
- Waiting for final word on PPP loan forgiveness
- The narthex has been repainted

Next Church Council meeting will be November 8th at 11:00 am via zoom.