

Dunbarton Congregational Church
Church Council Meeting via Zoom
November 8, 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 – Anne Zeller
Stewardship – Linda Morse
Treasurer – *Absent*
Trustees – Mike Shearin
Communications – Bob Ray
Music – Lizz Ferdina
Members at Large – Barb Bennett
In Attendance – Jackie McCarthy (Curios), John Stevens, Marsha McKay

Opening Prayer: Pastor Robert

October Church Council minutes were approved

Stewardship:

- The stewardship video has been completed and the link is on the DCC website. Bob will connect the Stewardship page to the pledge card. Cards have been mailed out.
- 2019 pledge reminders will be going out soon.

Christmas Concert conversation:

- Six or seven videos have been completed so far. The completed video will be between 60 to 90 minutes long.
- Lizz wants to contact college kids to see if they want to be involved.
- Comments from Pastor Robert as an introduction?
- The letters to last year's advertisers requesting sponsorship are ready to be mailed, with November 30th as the deadline for sponsorship.

Curios:

- Donations are needed to support the Curios' rent and electric payments until it reopens
- A letter went out to all the Curios volunteers alerting them to the financial situation and requesting donations. Some donations have been received as well as email responses with a wide variety of suggestions
- A community resident, Diana Champagne, has offered to market the Curios' merchandise online via Facebook. She would need to be an administrator of the Facebook page and have access to the PayPal account. Bob indicated that there should be two Facebook administrators. The Treasurer, Pam Milioto, has recommended using the Square app which is currently being used and will track the inventory. Sold items can be picked up or shipped.
- The suggestion to have a yard sale on the Common and the Curios (with proper covid-19 protocols in place) on November 15th was approved. Jackie (volunteer coordinator) and Stephanie will take the lead on this along with the Curios volunteers.

- The current storage space is hazardous, so a better space is needed. Jen Oliver has offered a space, but it will not be ready until the spring. Anne offered to see if her barn could be used for storage. It was suggested to approach Heaven's Gas Station store for its availability for rental options.

Deacons:

- The virtual Advent readers are all set. There may be a need for more readers for the Christmas Eve service, Carol-Ann will know after their meeting on Wednesday.

Trustees:

- The wreath sales are being set up online. Any orders before the online store is set up can be emailed to Mike Shearin.
- Committee budgets should be prepared by December 13th. Keep in mind that the church will probably not reopen until June 2021
- The finances are on track.
- A reminder about the vestry pledges will be included in the weekly newsletter.

Missions:

- The Flu clinic is on November 10th from 9 to 12 by appointment at the vestry.
- Food for 12 Thanksgiving baskets is needed. Contact Patty Shearin to donate. Foods are listed in the weekly newsletter.

Discussion:

- The annual meeting will be on January 31, 2021. Committee reports should be to Linda by January 16th. Linda will create the report in PDF format with a few printed for those who would prefer a hard copy.
- Create a link on the DCC website to access the weekly sermons.

Next Church Council meeting will be December 13th at 11:00 am via zoom.