

Dunbarton Congregational Church
Church Council Meeting
December 16, 2018

Present: **Moderator** – Alexis Wallace
Clerk – Lynn Leslie
Pastor Robert Vodra
C/E & Curios – Stephanie Herlihy
Deacons – Absent
Missions – Anne Zeller
Stewardship & Search – Jen Oliver
Communications – Linda Morse
Treasurer – Pam Milioto
Trustees – Tom Bennett
At Large – Margaret Venator & Barb Bennett
Music – Absent
In attendance – Bob & Joyce Ray, Jeff Wallace & Scott Leslie

November minutes were accepted.

Reports:

- **Treasurer: Report accepted**
 - Curios contribution for the year is \$5,000.00
 - Concert total - \$2,131.00
 - November pledges are up due to statements that were mailed
- **Trustees:**
 - Tom presented the proposed 2019 proposed operating budget; see attached
 - Fund raising is down. Suggest a Christmas Concert committee be put together by early fall for better organization. Wreaths & Poinsettia sales were down, will take another look at that for next year.
 - Annual meeting to be on January 27th with a snow date of February 3rd
 - Approval needed for the bulletin board funding
 - Discussion of church sign with funding possibilities. Related information will be included in the annual report.
 - Robert will take the lead after the first of the year, with the communications committee, to work on updating the church website, the Facebook page and the social media policy. An ad hoc committee will be assembled requesting volunteers for input and participation at the annual meeting. Linda Morse will also be included in this group.
- **Pastor:**
 - Met with the Deacons and Trustees
 - Helped with the Secret Elf distribution
 - Getting the hang of doing the weekly bulletins
 - Will be available for a few hours during the week in the office, but is also available at other times as needed
 - Doing name tags with the Deacons
 - January 13th will be hosting a neutral pulpit at DCC
 - Met with Dan Andrus from St John's Episcopal Church and discussed opportunities on how our two churches might work together
 - Thinking on website ideas

- **C/E:**
 - Breakfasts will begin the 2nd Sunday of January through the end of February benefitting the camper scholarships
- **Curios:**
 - The phone and internet expense are very high, about \$1,200.00 a year. The church is being charged as a business. Jen Oliver will call phone & internet company to inquire about a possible reduction.
- **Communications:**
 - Committee reports are due January 13th for the annual report
- **Deacons:** Absent
- **Music:** Absent
- **Missions:**
 - No meeting last month, will be quiet over the next few months
- **Nominating:**
 - Still need one more for missions, C/E , asst clerk and delegates
- **Search:** Need to decide the details for Robert's installation and expense allocation
- **Stewardship:** No update. The mailing of pledge statements was helpful.

Next Church Council meeting January 20, 2019 after church service