

Dunbarton Congregational Church
Church Council Meeting
February 17, 2019

Present: **Moderator** – Linda Morse
Clerk – Lynn Leslie
Pastor Robert Vodra
C/E & Curios – Stephanie Herlihy
Deacons – Carol-Ann Jane & Joyce Ray
Missions –Patty Shearin
Stewardship & Search – Jen Oliver
Communications – Linda Morse & Bob Ray
Treasurer – Absent
Trustees – Tammy Bowne
At Large – Margaret Venator & Barb Bennett
Music – Absent
In attendance –Scott Leslie

December minutes were accepted.

Old Business:

- **Social Media Policy:**
 - It was agreed that the social media policy will be covered under the new Communications/Marketing Committee
- **By-laws:**
 - The by-laws, as updated in red, will be sent to those attending the church council meeting to then be forwarded to committee members for review and comments. During the March church council meeting there will be a vote to proceed with a warrant to update the by-laws as amended.

Old Business:

- **Pastor Robert's installation:** no date set yet. Due to DCC and Conference scheduling issues for those attending most likely the installation will happen sometime in May.
- **Open and Affirming (O&A):**
 - The missions committee will no longer lead this process. A committee will be formed, organized by Joyce and Bob Ray to develop a plan on how to proceed. Joyce and Bob will inform the council of the committee members at the March meeting.
 - An email will be sent out to members only, requesting volunteers who may want to participate in the committee and/or those seeking more information. Anyone interested should contact Joyce or Bob by Feb. 28.
 - The main function of this committee is to lead the congregation through the Open and Affirming Process. This is a UCC recognized path that includes study, dialogue and prayerful consideration about welcoming all persons, specifically persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities. The process leads to a congregational vote about whether or not to adopt an Open and Affirming covenant.
- **Music:**
 - People are needed to run the sound board when Lizz is not available. Deacons are scarce during the summer, so the duties fall to the two remaining deacons, making the summer month responsibilities overwhelming.

- Carol-Ann will work with Lizz to develop a sign-up sheet with dates that will need music coverage. Anyone interested in learning how to use the sound board should contact Carol-Ann.
- Joyce Ray will be looking for pianists/musicians at Havenwood and the Concord Music School to play Sundays for a stipend
- Margaret Venator offered to help fund the music if needed.
- **Missions: Environmental Issues – A vision for DCC?**
 - Missions has applied for a grant. A speaker will come during the service on April 28th to speak on environmental issues
 - Their goal is to educate people how to make a difference in their daily activity to lessen the negative impacts we have on our environment.
 - With Missions' initiative in mind, Jen Oliver proposed that DCC explore adopting stewardship of the earth as the church's vision/purpose. Jen will present a proposed vision structure for the chairs to take to their committees and develop ideas on "Earth Stewardship" initiatives to discuss at the March CC meeting. The vision should tie into the scriptures.
 - Missions suggested planting a tree in honor of Les Hammond; all gave a positive response.
- **New Communications/Marketing Committee:**
 - The next weekly newsletter to go out will include a request for anyone interested in joining this committee. Contact with Linda should be made by March 17th.
 - Developing the Social Media policy will be a task of this group.

Committee reports:

- **Pastor:**
 - Two funerals in February; Victor Martin and Les Hammond
 - Met with the police chief, just making contact
 - Talked with Dan at St. Johns regarding Ash Wednesday service
- **Christian Education:**
 - Next book club meeting – March 7th
 - Food for Thought – March 9th – "Ethics of Dissent" presented by Eleanor & Phil Kimball
 - Resurrection Walk – April 14th
 - Easter Egg Hunt – April 21st
 - Blessing of the Animals – May 19th
 - Children's Sunday – June 9th
- **Pastoral Relations Committee:** will meet after Easter
- **Deacons:**
 - Discussing having a Maundy Thursday dinner in the vestry
 - Reviewing and updating fee schedules
- **Trustees:** installed a new well pump = \$2,629

Next Church Council meeting will be March 17, 2019 after church service.

- *There will be a discussion regarding the day and time of future CC meetings. Before or after church? On a weekday?*