

Dunbarton Congregational Church
Church Council Meeting
February 18, 2018

Present: **Moderator** – Alexis Wallace
 Clerk – Lynn Leslie
 Pastor Chris Owen
 C/E & Curios – Stephanie Herlihy
 Deacons – Carol Ann Jane
 Missions – absent
 Search Committee – Jen Oliver
 Stewardship – Jen Oliver
 Communications – Linda Morse
 Treasurer – Absent
 Trustees – Jeff Wallace
 At Large – Barbara Bennett
 Music – Lizz Ferdina
 In attendance: Scott Leslie

January minutes were accepted.

New Business:

- **Fund Raising:** Enid Larsen (Town Hall Restoration Committee) has asked if the church would like to sell baked goods for Arts on the Common on May 12th and 13th. The church needs to man the table on Saturday from 10 to 4 but not on Sunday. All profits will come to the church. The council accepts the offer. A coordinator is needed to organize the event.
- **Vision/Mission Statement:** the search committee has recognized that the church does not have a clear mission statement. This is needed to build a profile in our search for a new pastor. The questions asked...who are we? Do we stay small & sensational...what does that mean? What is the mission of this church? **Committees need to discuss this at their next meeting and bring ideas to the next church council meeting.** A completed mission statement will be brought to the congregation for approval.

Reports:

- **Treasurer:** Absent
- **Pastor Chris:**
 - January was a busy month for pastoral care.
 - He has worked on the Lenten study program for next month; Becoming Easter People
 - He suggests that we should feel free to approach him if there is a concern about someone who hasn't been in church for a while, and to reach out to that person ourselves if comfortable doing that.
 - On March 4th he will be away for the weekend. Pastor Dawn Berry will step in for him.
 - Suggested that a process be developed for the pastoral compensation package review, so that the proper steps are being taken.
 - On February 25th Penelope Kemp will be baptized.
- **C/E:**
 - The next Food for Thought will be May 12th
 - There has been a suggestion to have an evening book club held at the vestry, possibly every other month. The committee will discuss it at the next meeting.
- **Curios:**
 - Made \$733 before expenses in January.

- **Communications:**
 - Linda is looking at samples for an updated informational pamphlet for the pews
 - The church could use a full-fledged marketing plan
- **Deacons:**
 - Three large print orders of worship are being printed, one is for the readings
 - Marsha is completing her training as deacon and doing very well
 - Maundy Thursday is March 29th...readers will be needed
 - A Lenten schedule had been done and would like to continue doing the same for upcoming events
 - The deacons are figuring out their role and learning how to reach out to the community
 - A schedule/list is being developed so procedures are known for each event throughout the year
- **Missions:** Absent
- **Music/Spireside:**
 - Michelle will be unable to play for a while
 - Thinking about different music, more up to date possibly
- **Stewardship:** No update
- **Search:** No update
- **Trustees:**
 - Security is being added to Wi-Fi, a sign in will be needed. A booster will be added for the church.
 - Sound system is still being worked on, regulating quality
 - Still in the planning stages on the parking area drainage and the vestry windows
- **Social Media Update:** Tabled until everyone concerned can attend the discussion

Next Church Council meeting March 11th