

Dunbarton Congregational Church  
Church Council Meeting via Zoom  
June 14, 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  
**Communications** – Linda Morse  
**Treasurer** – *Absent*  
**Trustees** – Scott Leslie  
**Open & Affirming** – Carol-Ann Jane  
**Music** – Lizz Ferdina  
**At Large** – Barb Bennett  
**In Attendance** – Mark Lang

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Robert

**Church council minutes were approved for May**

**New Business:**

- **Open and Affirming vote:**
  - The votes will be counted on Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the vestry.
  - Scott Leslie (vice-moderator) and Lynn Leslie (clerk) will verify eligible members' votes. The count will be observed by Carol-Ann Jane and Sandi Brison from the ONA committee and Pastor Robert.
  - Pastor Robert will announce the results during next Sunday's (the 21<sup>st</sup>) online service and include it in the following week's newsletter.
  - Any signage regarding being an ONA church will be determined once the results are made known.
- **SBA PPP loan vote:**
  - 18 votes were received. All votes approved the loan warrant.
- **Reopening the church:**
  - It was agreed that a target date for ending on line services would be Labor Day weekend, with the hope that some form of in person services could be resumed.
  - A "committee" including at least a deacon, trustee, the moderator, and Pastor Robert was approved to address reopening and will begin to meet in August. Mark, Carol-Ann, Linda and the Trustee of the Month will be participants so far.
    - While the pandemic continues, the UCC suggests no coffee hour, singing or communion.
    - Masks will be necessary as will socially distancing.
    - The length of service will possibly be shortened.

- Determining what the members feel is necessary for a worthwhile worship experience needs to be done. The deacons, when making their call to members during the month will ask for input.
- **Curios – when to open:**
  - Several volunteers are anxious to reopen and the CC agreed that trying a limited reopening is possible with the suggested changes below:
    - Limit number of people in the shop
    - Use hand sanitizer upon entry and exit
    - Saturday opening only
    - Masks would be mandatory
  - Stephanie will talk to Jackie about the changes and verify that enough volunteers are available
- **New DCC Sign:**
  - The contact person for sign suggestions will be Linda Morse.
  - Linda, Stephanie and Scott are available for posting the letters.
- **Racial Justice discussion:**
  - All agreed that starting a conversation is important.
  - Have conversations via zoom? In person outdoors?
  - Have a discussion based on a book regarding race issues?
  - Add a page on DCC's Facebook referencing community support for social issues?
  - Include a brief segment on current social issues in the sermon?
  - Pastor Robert and Barb Bennett will select a date for an initial conversation.
- **Pastor Robert:**
  - The online services are going well. Lizz has been a big help with the music.
  - If anyone wants to be included in the online service, such as reading scripture, let Robert know.
- **Christmas Concert:** It looks like it's possible there may not be an in-person concert this year. Lizz is thinking about a virtual concert and welcomes any ideas about that.

**To Do:**

1. Pastor Robert will announce ONA results in the June 21<sup>st</sup> online service and include it in the newsletter.
2. Deacons will ask members about their most important parts of a worship service as weekly calls are made.
3. Linda and Pastor Robert will initiate a reopening committee in August.
4. Stephanie will talk to Jackie regarding reopening Curios.
5. Pastor Robert and Barb will select a date for a racial justice conversation.
6. All should contact Lizz with any suggestions regarding a virtual Christmas concert.

**The next council meeting will be July 12th via zoom at 11:00 am.**