

Dunbarton Congregational Church  
Church Council Meeting  
June 16, 2019

Present:       **Moderator** – Linda Morse  
                  **Vice Moderator** – Jen Oliver  
                  **Clerk** – Lynn Leslie  
                  **Pastor** Robert Vodra  
                  **C/E & Curios** – Stephanie Herlihy  
                  **Deacons** – Carol-Ann Jane  
                  **Missions** – Anne Zeller  
                  **Stewardship** – Linda Morse  
                  **Communications** – Linda Morse / Jen Oliver  
                  **Treasurer** – Absent  
                  **Trustees** – Scott Leslie  
                  **At Large** – Margaret Venator  
                  **Music** – Absent  
                  **Open & Affirming** – Carol-Ann Jane

May minutes were accepted as amended.

**Discussions:**

- **Creation Justice:**
  - The missions committee members reviewed and discussed the Fundamental Principles document and brought suggestions to be considered by the council and ultimately the Creation Justice committee. Suggestions included rewording and renumbering some of the points. As a collective effort, CC asked Robert to share what he learned about Creation Justice after his attendance at the UCC General Synod next week.
  - It was also mentioned that C/E be involved in educating the members and community during a Food for Thought presentation.
- **Open and Affirming:**
  - The next meeting of the committee will be June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Sandy Decknick's daughter, Taylor, will speak. Taylor is a Behavior Specialist.
  - The committee has been receiving feedback from different sources. Also, there is a suggestion box for questions. The committee has had discussions regarding different life scenarios and how to approach situations that may present themselves.
  - The goal is to educate ourselves so we can educate others.
- **DCC signage**
  - The granite posts offered by Margaret Venator are not the correct size.
  - The communications committee will continue to discuss the sign
- **Sunday worship time:**
  - It was agreed that worship during the months of July and August will be changed to 9:30 am. A notice will be included in the weekly newsletter, Anne Zeller suggested a sandwich board sign noting "new summer hours" and the trustees will change the sign on the front of the church. A notice on Facebook will update the hours and also, the church website should be updated including summer hours.

## **Pastor and Committee Reports:**

- **Pastor**
  - Robert attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Open & Affirming meeting. They are hoping to contact everyone in the church for feedback.
  - He met with the Pastoral Relations Committee.
  - A webinar was presented referencing Creation Justice. More webinars will be planned, to also include some for Open & Affirming. This is a good way to educate members and community.
  - He attended the Book Club on June 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - Children's Sunday went well. It's important to recognize the kids.
  - Thanks to all for the installation. Everything went smoothly.
  - Robert has signed up for a Pastoral Leadership Development group for newly called ministers.
  - He is getting better at doing the bulletins. He will make contact with UPS to go over formatting issues.
  - The summer sermons will tend to be a bit shorter because there is so little children's participation.
  - Communion is now all gluten free.
  - Robert will be attending the General Synod. He will be out of town from Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> thru Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup>. He will have no office hours during those two weeks. Eleanor Kimball will be his replacement on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Deacons are short handed especially during the summer, so if anyone sees a chance to help...Contact Carol-Ann and jump in and give a hand.
- **Deacons:**
  - Roger and Carol-Ann are the only deacons during the summer
  - The next meeting will be in September, but they will be communicating via email.
- **Trustees:**
  - The cellar doors on the church have been rebuilt and replaced.
  - The bulletin board has been hung in the vestry.
  - The name plate for Robert has been added to the front church sign.
  - The wood from the tree that was taken down has been cleaned up. The trustees are hoping to have the tree stump ground down.
  - The filtered water faucet is in and works fine...just emits noises at times.
- **Curios:**
  - A little slow since Mother's Day weekend. Stephanie will check with Pam to see if there is enough money to transfer to the church.
- **Communications:**
  - DCC now has an account with Capitol Copy.
- **Member at Large:** We need to work on the volume control of the electronic music.

**The next Church Council meeting will be August 11, 2019 after church service. (No meeting in July)**