

Dunbarton Congregational Church  
Church Council Meeting  
August 11, 2019

Present:       **Moderator** – Linda Morse  
                  **Clerk** – Lynn Leslie  
                  **Pastor** Robert Vodra - *absent*  
                  **C/E & Curios** – Stephanie Herlihy  
                  **Deacons** – Carol-Ann Jane  
                  **Missions** – *absent*  
                  **Stewardship** – Jen Oliver  
                  **Communications** – Linda Morse / Jen Oliver  
                  **Treasurer** – *Absent*  
                  **Trustees** – Dean Bacon  
                  **Music** – Lizz Ferdina  
                  **Open & Affirming** – Carol-Ann Jane  
                  **In Attendance** – Ellie Swindlehurst

June minutes were accepted as amended.

**Updates on Old Business:**

- **Creation Justice:**
  - Jen will speak during a Sunday service in September (coordinated with Pastor Robert) explaining Creation Justice and asking for volunteers to be members of the “Green Team” for a September kick-off of the program.
- **Open and Affirming:**
  - O & A will be the topic at the Food for Thought on September 14<sup>th</sup> in the vestry at 6:00 pm.
  - A suggestion was made to include an O & A book in the 2020 picks for the book club.
- **Communications:**
  - Jen reviewed the *Social Media Governance and Purpose* draft created to describe the use of the social media platform Facebook.
  - The Facebook **Page** will be the official presentation of the Dunbarton Congregation Church promoting its mission, events and other activities with direct links to the church website.
  - The Facebook **Group** is a discussion group where members have requested approval to join.
  - The communications committee will be creating a Facebook Page and setting forth policies and guidelines to assure a safe and supportive platform that promotes the values and mission of the church.
- **DCC signage**
  - Linda gave the details for the church sign specs and cost. The total cost for the sign including installation is \$7,455.00. Linda will request a donation from a church member. 75% of the total is required for the deposit.
  - The trustees will look at the existing electrical wiring and the walkway for possible changes that may be needed. They will update the council in September on any additional work that may be necessary.
  - A suggestion was made and all agreed that removing the existing granite posts should be part of the project.

- **Sunday worship time:** Will return to 10:30 AM start time in September. It was agreed that the church will keep the 9:30 AM start time for July and August in 2020.

#### **New Business:**

- **Old Home Day:** Pastor Robert requested via email a discussion on whether the church and vestry should be open on Old Home Day, perhaps as a cool rest area if the weather is hot, bathroom break etc. The group agreed that having someone on site would be necessary, requiring a schedule, and that too many people may opt to use our bathroom rather than the porta pottys.
- **Christmas Concert:** Lizz proposed that the 2019 concert be held on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> but will check with town activities in case of conflicts. The group agreed that the \$2,000 plus income from the event makes it worth continuing although the income is directly related to the number of children involved. Lizz will also begin coordinating with Dan soon.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- **Trustees:**
  - Painting the vestry and starting prep work for painting other areas.
  - 2017 audit report has been completed
  - Lizz mentioned that the 2018 review has been completed, but the report is not done
- **C/E:**
  - They will be doing monthly themes. If there are not many children, projects will take place at the back of the church, concentrating on the environment, otherwise they will go to the vestry.
  - The focus this year will be on Adult Education adding movies to the venue.
    - Movie Nights will be every other month on Fridays at 7:00 pm
      - October 11<sup>th</sup> – Jonah
      - December 13<sup>th</sup> – Noah
      - February 14<sup>th</sup>, April 10<sup>th</sup> and June 12<sup>th</sup> – titles not yet selected
    - Food for Thought will be every other month on Saturdays at 6:00 pm
      - September 14<sup>th</sup> – Open & Affirming
      - November 9<sup>th</sup> – Creative Justice
      - January 11<sup>th</sup>, March 14<sup>th</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup> – topics are not definite
  - Rally Day will be September 15<sup>th</sup>. The food will be provided by the committees as follows:
    - Trustees: Hamburgers and Hot Dogs
    - Missions: Desserts
    - C/E: Sides and Salads
    - Deacons: Rolls and Condiments
    - Stewardship: Drinks
- **Curios:**
  - The tablet used at Curios died. The council agreed that a new tablet should be purchased for exclusive use by the Curios.
  - Mr. Burchell increased the rent by \$25.00
- **Deacons:**
  - A meeting is scheduled for September, but Carol-Ann thinks it may be canceled.
  - Allen is back helping.

- **Music:**
  - Lizz has two different pianists that will be used twice a month.
  - The piano cover needs to be replaced.

***ADDITIONAL INFORMATION READ VIA EMAIL AFTER THE MEETING:***

- **Missions:** A grant has been secured through Morgan Stanley thanks to Mike Shearin's efforts, \$500 into the Community Assistance Fund and \$1500 is in the Encumbered Fund for Missions' "Earth Day, Every Day" initiative. Now that the grant has been secured, Patty Shearin will be submitting a receipt for reimbursement for the tote bags made for Dr. Rock's program back in April for \$468.50, so \$1031.50 will be remaining.

***The next Church Council meeting is September 8<sup>th</sup> after the church service. (at about 11:30)***