

## **Church Committee Meeting - 5-11-2021 ( ZOOM )**

Attending: Pastor Kelly Thibeault. Leah Moynihan. Jim Brinson, Steve Mankavech, Ed Clavette, Kris Collins, Jim Fennell, and Carolyn Chretien.

Leah Moynihan, Moderator, called the meeting to order and asked Pastor Kelly to give an opening prayer

Leah then read the Church Committee Covenant and had questions about its origin, etc. Ed Clavette then explained the he composed it when he was moderator. It was revised in 2007. There is always a copy of it included in our Church's Annual Report.

April minutes were accepted as printed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** - Jim Koepfler was unable to be with us, but has sent the report to all by email. Pastor Kelly felt we were doing OK and Jim Fennell commented that income is increasing and Fund Raising has started to pick up as well.

**BOARD OF DEACONS** - Pastor Kelly

- Discussed how things would progress once we returned to in-person worship.
- Comments about the service on the Sunday following Easter when Pastor was away and the SE Conference provided their service. Many enjoyed hearing other voices and service. The Conference has a new one for Pentecost and Pastor Kelly will weave in some of our music and service along with theirs. A new minister coming in is good for the church and is part of our denomination.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS MINISTRY** - Ed Clavette

- Todd Garden was cleaned up and the next step will be the side garden. Kris Collins, Ellen Kingman and Joe Marshall did a great job.
- The brush has been cleared away near the trees at the schoolhouse allowing more space to set up tables for the Yard Sales on the north side.
- Peter Gaw continues to take care of our lawns.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY** Steve Mankavech

- They've met twice and discussed the survey that was sent out and were pleased with 23 responses. All input was calculated and pieced together.
- Many great ideas came in with requests for more smaller groups with emphasis on things that apply to life and how we live it, Bible study, periodic workshops, create a resource center -possible C.E. library, scavenger hunts, and more.
- First impact will be on youth to 12 and then ages 36 and above.
- Emphasis was on expansion of youth programs.
- Development of nursery / toddler program.
- Household Huddle got great support - - requests for toddler age and an older one.. Huddle will end at the close of May for the summer and resume in September.
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- There's a lot going on and the church calendar will have to be looked at to try and fit these things in. Seems we will be very busy!
- Pastor Kelly then said she was happy with the response. A youth advisory council will be coming up. There are 8 girls from 6 different schools who will be part of the Confirmation Class. She hopes to get more voices from them and better connection. Kris Collins was pleased with the response also and said that these young folks are interested and want to make the world a better place to live --this is the time to reach out to them and listen to their ideas.
- Jim Fennell has online programs that may assist with small group meetings, etc.

### **FUND RAISING MINISTRY** Ed Clavette

- SAVERS collection resulted in 1758 lbs. They've dropped their price from 25 to 20 cents per pound so we will receive \$351.60. Joe Marshall, Dr. Granville, Henry Chretien and Ed loaded it all up and took it over. THANKS.
- Two pet clinics have been held this far. The last one saw 3 people and 4 dogs. - -\$170. Dr. Granville has been most generous and gave us \$400. Next clinic - May 22nd.
- Yard Sale on May 15th will be only outside at the schoolhouse, following COVID Guidelines. Boxes will be in a set up area inside allowing AA meetings to continue. Help is needed for Saturday 6:30 AM set-up and after 2 PM for break down. So far there are 3 Sanfords and Katerina who helped us at suppers in the past have volunteered.
- Possibility of another Yard Sale on June 19th and maybe another in July.
- As we reopen and begin having suppers we need to notify the town so they will inspect the kitchen, etc.

### **MISSIONS MINISTRY**

- Haven't met but a collection of new underwear, socks, etc. will take place the weekend of May 22 -23 for Undie Sunday. Drop offs may be placed in bin at top of the ramp.

### **MUSIC MINISTRY** Jim Fennell

- Keeping us up to date with music copy rights, etc. We are OK.

### **STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY** - Jim Fennell

- No meeting but talking in small groups
- Income is up and we're in fairly good shape - -we have about \$700 more than expected and the deficit is about \$3700. As Jim Koepfler commented in his report --WOOHOO!

### **RECONNECTION TEAM** -Ed Clavette

- Met on April 23rd and will meet on May 12th.
- Changes are coming down from the state quickly regarding the reopening of churches. Restrictions may be lifted by Aug. 1st. This would mean we can begin to start cleaning Aug. 7th and 14th with a reopening service on Aug. 15th.

- Pastor Kelly said that online SHORTS will still continue in the fall. Household Huddle and church services are up in the air for now.
- Pastor Kelly will need help as requests are already coming in for Memorial Services for those who passed away during the pandemic.
- 41 responses came in for the survey asking about reopening. About 50 / 50 but becoming more positive.
- Feeling good about waiting until Aug. 15th and this will be after Pastor Kelly's vacation.

### **FLOWER MINISTRY** - Kris Collins

- Thanks to Ellen Kingman and Joe Marshall who helped Kris dig in and clean up Todd Garden. It wasn't planted last year and the weeds really took over. The side garden wasn't done yet.
- Kris will purchase annuals in the coming weeks and will need help to plant them.
- She asked Pastor to put something in the Friday email about it.

### **PASTOR**

- Deanne Bellinger, our delegate to the Old Colony Association of the United Church of Christ, has been named Vice Moderator. She is also our delegate to the SE Conference. Very exciting and she will be great.
- Carolyn brought up the idea of contacting the new hotel near us and others in the area to see if we are included in their religious listings and also if there is a possibility of putting our historical brochure or another type in their lobby array. Pastor will look into this. Good to get our name out there.
- Pastor is thinking of sending out a letter to our neighbors letting them know when we are reopening and so forth.
- Ed said that our next door neighbor asked for permission for use of the parking lot on Aug. 14th as their son is getting married that day in their back yard. He has also purchased the house two houses from his parents and so he will also be a neighbor.

Nothing to add from either the Moderator or Clerk and business was finished.

There was no need for any deletions.

Leah closed the meeting and asked Pastor to give a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn E. Chretien, Clerk

Next meeting: June 15, 2021