

Church Committee Meeting --7-20-2021

Those attending were: Pastor Kelly Thibeault, Cindi Barkley, Kris Collins, Jim Koepfler, Steve Mankavech, Jim Brinson, Jim Fennell, Ed Clavette, and Carolyn Chretien.

Pastor Kelly called the meeting order and gave an opening prayer in our new meeting room. This was the first in-person meeting in over one year and everyone was pleased to see each other as well as the new flooring project which is beautiful.

A quick check in of members' summertime doings then took place.

As Leah was not present, Pastor Kelly presided.

TREASURER - Jim Koepfler

- We had already received copies of his report so Jim briefly touched on some areas.
- He is working closely with Deb to get what they each do more closely aligned.
- Discovered that the July Pension payment did not go through. UCC seems to be having problems with their program.
- We are basically in pretty good shape at this point with about \$4,800 in the red for the year.
- Cindi asked if Deanne Bellinger had been reimbursed for Missions expense. Jim will take care of it.

RECONNECTION TEAM -Ed Clavette

- Members have been advised of what will happen as we return to worship in the sanctuary.
- Cleaning dates are Aug. 7th and 14th from 9 AM until ? No special cleaning agents are needed - -just soaps, etc. People will be asked to bring their own gloves and anything else they might want. Buckets and rags will be provided and Ed has received a donation of some cleaning / disinfectant products.
- Kris Collins asked if there would be a list of chores and Ed said he would make one. It will be mostly the same as our annual clean up before Easter.
- Kris also stated that all food and drink products left in the building when we closed need to be checked for expiration dates. This will apply to the kitchen area as well.
- Masks will be worn for the first four weeks - -then a reassessment will be made as how to continue.
- There will be no coffee hour for the first four weeks.
- Masks do not have to be worn for a group of 12 or less.. Groups over that amount do have to wear them.
- Everything is being kept as simple and easy to clean as possible.

BOARD OF DEACONS-Jim Fennell

- Cleaned out the Deacons' closet and a few other places.
- Hospitality area and manning of it was discussed. We will wait until we get back to address this situation.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY -Steve Mankavech

- Steve has been working very hard on ideas for a new beginning in September when we will enter phase 1.
- One of the items will be what's the church look like.
- CE will be sending a weekly statement by email.

- Next meeting will be a ZOOM meeting on Thursday.

MISSION MINISTRY - Cindi Barkley

- They have not met yet, but Cindi said they're hoping to concentrate on community efforts at this time rather than global.

MUSIC MINISTRY -Jim Fennell

- Piano tuning is set for this Thursday and organ tuning on the following Monday so we will be all set for reopening.
- Pastor Kelly said her mother Ellen is starting practice and looking forward to playing.
- Kevin Graves is in Minnesota for a month, but they have been talking about trying more praise music probably at the beginning of services.

FLOWER MINISTRY -Kris Collins

- The gardens have been mulched and are looking wonderful despite the crazy weather we've had. No one else volunteered to take over for a week, so nature has done more than enough watering.
- The subject of live flowers on the altar was discussed and whether we were getting a good value from Flowers by the Station or whether we could do as well or better buying our own. Carolyn said the two brass altar vases could be filled using flowers purchased from the market. Members are always urged to bring in fresh garden flowers if they want to. Pastor Kelly has hydrangeas that can be used.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS MINISTRY -Ed Clavette

- He's planning to work tomorrow clearing the growth in the back and side areas.
- Several inspections are coming up soon including the alarm system, all fire extinguishers, kitchen and building, etc.
- Ed continues painting in the vestry.
- Kitchen cleaning and running all dishes through the dish washer will be done before the inspection. All condiments, spices and any other products will be checked for expiration dates.
- Jim Koepfler asked Kris Collins if she and her husband, Ed had ever been officially thanked for painting the rest rooms. She said he did it all and she hemmed the new curtains. Whatever was done is beautiful and clean - - so thanks to the Collins!
- Everyone agrees that the new flooring project is beautiful and a much needed lift.
- Pastor Kelly reminded us that in 7 years we'll be celebrating the 200th birthday of this 1828 building! Stay tuned . . .

FUND RAISING MINISTRY - Ed Clavette

- The yard sale on Saturday made \$1,333.05. Just as everything was safely gathered in at the end of the day, the skies opened and it poured. Thank you Lord for letting us get it in.
- Ed spent several minutes sharing stories about customers of the sales and how he operates everything from time to time. He continues to sell items online and enjoys his love of yard saling and ministry to our church. Thank you Ed.
- Carolyn then shared stories of Elsie's Salad Dressing and turned in a check for \$100 for summer sales.

- Cindy Stone has been involved in the yard sales and is looking forward to another sale of items that are of better quality. Perhaps we could have a thrift shop sale if another person is interested in helping her.
- Pet Clinic will be on Saturday -July 24th. Several reservations already made.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY - Jim Fennell - -nothing to report

OTHER BUSINESS

- Cindi asked about the bulletin board and what we wanted to do about it. Kris Collins suggested asking for pictures or stories about what people did during the pandemic, etc. Carolyn suggested calling it COVID Curiosities. We will see what happens.
- Carolyn explained what's going on with the Powder House, the new neighbor on the hill, and the town Historical Commission. He's claiming it's on his land which was given to the town (Attleborough) by Jacob Newell in 1768. There is a right of way, but he doesn't want anyone on his land. Interesting to see what happens.

PASTOR

- August 21st - funeral for Lauren Harrop Sr. at 10:00 AM. Several people have volunteered to help. She has not spoken with the family yet about arrangements.
- Grieving Mothers' Group has asked to have another service on Dec. 12th. No one seemed to object.
- Dumpster is here until Monday --no items should stick up over the edge.
- Pastor Kelly will be on vacation from July 26th until Aug. 8th. She will have her cell phone in case anyone needs to contact her. Worship service recordings have been made for the two Sundays she will be away.
- Members of the Trinitarian Church, Norton will be worshipping with us again this Sunday as they did last week while their minister is on vacation.
- She explained changes our insurance company wants us to make pertaining to sexual contact issues. We all agreed for her to contact them and approve the matter.
- Jim Koepfler said we had saved \$53.00 for some insurance item.
- Concern about a Remembrance Service on Sept. 11th was discussed.
- Decided that there was no need for an August meeting, so the next meeting will be Sept. 14th.

As there was no further business, Pastor Kelly gave a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn E. Chretien, Clerk