

Church Committee Meeting 9 -7-2021

Those attending were: Pastor Kelly Thibeault, Leah Moynihan, Kris Collins, Cindi Barkley, Steve Mankavech, Jim Koepfler, Jim Brinson, Carolyn Chretien, and by ZOOM : Ed Clavette, Deanne Bellinger, and Jim Fennell. Joining us were Pat Sanford and Linda Vogler, as ambassadors named by the Reconnection Team.

Leah Moynihan, Moderator called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the July meeting were looked over and accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Jim Koepfler

- Jim read through his report and commented that he would send out another corrected version.
- We are basically in good shape at this point.

BOARD OF DEACONS met last Sunday but no report at this time. They discussed future plans.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS MINISTRY -Ed Clavette

- Fire extinguishers have been inspected and re-certified.
- HELP was her today to inspect the alarm system.
- Everything is pretty much ready for a building certification. He has put in for the inspection.
- Vestry has been cleaned -still has some painting around south windows to finish
- Met with Sue Lafratta concerning use of vestry on Thursday nights for Pack #12 There will be three groups meeting.
- Issued key that cannot be duplicated for the vestry door. Rest of building is locked off. Kitchen door could be used in an emergency situation. Sue is familiar with the process.
- Leah asked about CORI and told they operate under BSA, so not needed by us.
- New lights for candles and good supply of toilet paper purchased. If anyone has needs please let Ed know and he will purchase supplies'
- Dolores has started cleaning again and may put in for dusting mop. She asked about care of new floor in Maxcy Hall --only requires wet mopping. Discussion took place about her schedule and decided to have her continue on a weekly basis.
- Pastor Kelly told Ed about missing pane of glass in window at rear of church. He will take care of it.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY Steve Mankavech

- Last meeting -July 22. Planning to meet within the next 10 days.
- Discussed upcoming plans for holiday season - -more to come.
- Items discussed: Journey of Faith group, reviving Bible Jeopardy, sermon reflection group

FUND RAISING MINISTRY -Ed Clavette

- Last Pet Clinic was Aug. 28th - -next one is Sept. 25th
- Yard Sale - Sept. 18th
- Holding off on suppers for the time being
- Sept. 25th - Outdoor Pop Up Craft Sale. Kris Collins -- we will put out what we have- -probably 6-8 tables on the south lawn, Proposed bake sale was discussed. Cindi Barkley said the Reconnection Team did not recommend having this. Leah said we will revisit this on Sunday the 12th at that meeting.

FLOWER MINISTRY-Kris Collins

- Gardens are looking beautiful thanks to Kris and thanks to Ed Collins for trimming the shrubs.
- No fresh flowers on the altar at this time.

MISSIONS MINISTRY Cindi Barkley

- Met tonight and discussed plans for the coming months.
- Concentrating on community needs.
- People will be given options during Advent this year --adopting a family, doing the reverse Advent collection as last year and other ideas. They will have time to decide.
- Member of the month will start again introducing Jim Brinson to begin.
- Halloween will be the next Undie Sunday collection asking for socks.
- Next meeting - Oct. 23th

MUSIC MINISTRY -Jim Fennell

- Pianos and organ have been tuned.
- Potter-Rathbun who has serviced our organ for decades is undergoing an undecided future at this point. Jim was reassured that if they discontinue we will be recommended to someone else with good experience in this field. Sad commentary on these trying times.
- Oldtown Worship songbooks are in each pew.
- Order of worship has been shuffled around and he is working closely with Pastor Kelly.
- Kris Collins commented that she likes the area up front where singers/ players wait to perform. It was cleaned during the opening up process.

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY -no report at this time

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY -Jim Fennell

- Scheduled to meet next Sunday.

RECONNECTION TEAM -Ed Clavette

- Met on Sept. 1st
- Their work has been completed and so they can now disband.
- Two members are being sent to the Church Committee as ambassadors --Pat Sanford and Linda Vogler.
- Leah then led a discussion of the mask policy. We are wearing masks now but small groups of 12 or less do not require them or when children are present. After much discussion a motion was made and decided to make one rule for all and that is that masks will be required in the building at all times. When outdoors they may be removed. Passed unanimously.
- Discussion of upcoming bake sale took place with the majority not in favor at this time.

PASTOR

- Many changes have been made to the order of worship since we've come back.
- She's pleased with the good response to mask wearing but is concerned about those who have chosen not to come back to worship at this time. She feels torn between trying to please everyone.

- Music has changed at the beginning of the service. Passing of the peace with walking around to greet one another is not encouraged. Collection plates are at the doors. The communion story is told, but the elements are not distributed.
- A program for the children with a notebook for their activities has begun. Pastor is trying to encourage their participation during worship and is tying in ideas from her sermons to their activities.
- Collections seem to be doing well.

As there was no further business to be conducted we adjourned. No deletions needed to be made.

Pastor Kelly gave a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn E. Chretien, Clerk

Next meeting: Oct. 12, 2021