

Church Committee Meeting--11-9-2021

Attending: Pastor Kelly Thibeault, Steve Mankavech, Cindi Barkley, Jeannette Galvin, Kris Collins, Pat Sanford, James Koepfler and Carolyn Chretien. By ZOOM --Jim Brinson, Jim Fennell, Ed Clavette and Leah Moynihan.

Leah Moynihan, Moderator, called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the last meeting were looked over.

TREASURER'S REPORT Jim Koepfler

- He explained some changes regarding people who pay online and the fees, etc. If person pays fee we get \$100 if they don't we only get \$96.70.(as an example) In order to track the fees, 2 new line items are being added -- one in income and one in expense to offset each other..
- Bill for \$127.50 -UCC Fellowship dues was explained - -this goes to the Old Colony Association.
- An explanation will be given on Thanksgiving Sunday re: fee / donations.
- He will make corrections to some minor errors.
- Leah felt it was not necessary to go through the report line by line.

BOARD OF DEACONS -Jeannette Galvin

- They were supposed to meet last week; hopefully it will happen this week if all are available.
- Cindi brought up lack of greeters and care of communion table - before and after. Pastor Kelly is doing a lot of set up and clean up that is not her responsibility. Discussed issue. Jim Fennell said maybe we should have a hospitality team. Jeannette apologized for not over seeing this issue. Pastor decided to see what happens Sunday morning. Jim and Jeannette will put together a list of people available and list the duties to be done.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS MINISTRY -Ed Clavette

- He's been cleaning up from the yard sales --21 boxes to deliver.
- Keeping eye on oil tanks --both about 50%.
- Saturday, Dec. 4 --Scouts have requested use of vestry from 10 to 2 for their popcorn sales.
- Leah asked where yard sale items are stored for winter. Ed is in process of consolidating and boxing items to store in schoolhouse.
- Discussion then followed about what was in downstairs classrooms. One room is storage for items for fund raising. Another is sorting / bagging for SAVERS collection.
- Book room was discussed. Leah said something should be done. Ed said no plans yet. If rooms are needed they can be cleaned for use. Kris said they're getting moldy --Ed said no mold -dehumidifier is right outside door. Need to decide whether to sell or donate. Kris said we need to set date to work on it. Decided to wait until after the holidays. Ed invited Leah or anyone to have at it. All we need is the manpower to either pack up and donate or get rid of books. Steve Mankavech volunteered to help with this as he had planned to run the book room if we had another fair which did not happen this year.
- Toys from children's' room. Cindi asked what was going to be done with them. Some items were from Tammy England and she needs to be asked about them. Some of these items could

be sold online especially at this season. Again -Ed said we need manpower to help with all these things.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY-Steve Mankavech

- Household Huddle live will begin again in January. They will meet once month with an educational theme. January - Epiphany, February - Ash Wednesday and so on.
- Faith formation is ongoing with additional education using notebooks and the bulletin during worship service. People have chance to jot down their feelings or kids can draw ideas, etc.
- Big focus now on first communion and confirmation retreats.
- Founders Day will be on Nov. 14. Lots of historical interest will be shared.
- Visit to LaSalette and Christmas Caroling at the church are in the works.
- Next meetings: Dec. 9 and Jan.4 at 6:30 PM

FLOWER MINISTRY Kris Collins

- Poinsettias can be ordered up until Nov. 28th. Prices and order forms will be set up. Delivery will be Saturday, Dec. 4th. Anyone willing to help transport the plants can speak to Kris.

FUNDRAISING MINISTRY Ed Clavette

- Ed has sold several items online and in person recently. Since January the total is \$3195. With the additional recent sales it will be about \$3400.
- Last Pet Clinic - \$170. Next dates - Nov. 20 and Dec. 4
- No more yard sales until spring.
- He has 40 bags packed for the SAVERS collection and is hoping for 80. Manpower is needed and anyone with a truck to deliver it all on Dec. 2nd Speak to Ed if you can help.

MISSIONS MINISTRY -Cindi Barkley

- They met tonight at 6 PM
- Lots of collections going on --Coat collection, stockings for homeless, adopt a family, reverse Advent food collection. Something for everyone.
- How to receive visitors to our church will be worked on. Several suggestions were made. This past Sunday a woman from Central Congregational came and said they were not open yet. She felt others may also come. Pastor told her all are welcome to attend with us until their church opens. Another woman from New York attended and is looking for a church. So our Oldtown hospitality needs to be very welcoming.
- Ed shared that his Chiropractor was impressed with our Advent reverse food collection and has started a similar program for Wareham residents.
- Dyer-Lake Remembrance Service will be Dec.9th. Pastor Kelly will take part and Santa (Ed) has been invited as well. People are invited to hang an ornament on the tree in memory of their loved ones and this year will see a pet tree as well.
- Jan. 1st will see a new permanent pastor at Second Congregational in Attleboro. He's a friend of Pastor Kelly's and a former classmate. Rev. Will Sencabaugh.

MUSIC MINISTRY -Jim Fennell

- Things are going smoothly even though they've had to juggle the music.
- Jim Koepfler said the bill from Pottr-Rathbun for the organ tuning came in the mail and is paid.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY -Jim Fennell

- They haven't met for awhile but he is working with Pastor Kelly for Pledge Sunday.

PASTOR

- Pastor discussed COVID situation and the blocking of every other pew with red ribbons. If we continue to use them she'll need help to seat people, especially new visitors. Also the ribbons fall and need retaping each week. If we keep ribbons then Christmas Eve will be reservation only. She really likes to see the congregation spread out and hopes this will continue. It was decided that the ribbons will come down and people will still need to wear masks and use distancing. She'll put it in the Friday email this week.
- Several baptisms are coming up and new members are requesting to join.
- Nov. 14th -Founders Day will be observed and a small show and tell of a few historical items will be set up in Maxcy Hall.
- Dec.14th -6:30 --"Angels in the Light" - a memorial service will be held by the grieving parents group.
- With colder weather here the subject of fellowship inside was discussed. Decided that until it gets too cold Pastor Kelly will greet outside, then come in. Fellowship will be allowed inside as long as masks are worn - -no food or beverages will be served.
- Shout out to Jim Brinson that he needs to come back and help Pastor to work the thermostats to turn on the hear. Jim Fennell and Ed Clavette both said they'd take care of it on Sunday. Pastor only heats the small meeting room when meeting with people.
- Pastor Kelly then reminded us that a date for the Annual Meeting needed to be set. It will be on Jan.23rd with a snow date of Jan. 30th.
- The December and January meetings will be used to form the budget for 2022. Usually the Treasurers work on this beforehand. Ministries should have budget requests ready to submit.
- A nominating committee should be formed in order to present a slate of officers and ministry members at the Annual Meeting. This was not done last year due to the pandemic. It's good to have the names posted as in the past so that people remember what they committed themselves to do.
- Deb Fennell received a call from the envelope company used for ordering offering envelopes. Since many people pay their pledges online, it was decided that there will be some type of envelopes on hand for those who prefer this method and we will not order any offering envelopes to save the expense.
- Nov. 21st-Thanksgiving Sunday - Pledge Sunday, Poinsettia order forms will be available. Pastor may include a slip of paper to ask folks what they're thankful for.
- Joy Sunday this year will feature people bringing in a special bell with a story to tell about it.
- Pastor Kelly will take the Sunday after Christmas off. Plans will need to be made.
- Talks with Pastoral Relations need to be made to provide for a Sabbatical for Pastor Kelly from after Easter Sunday until Pentecost...50 days. Pulpit supply can be arranged or lay persons, etc.
- Leah asked Pastor Kelly to give a closing prayer and the meeting adjourned.
- Respectively submitted,

Carolyn E. Chretien, Clerk

Next meeting: Dec. 14, 2021