

## **Church Committee Meeting - -2-15-2022**

ZOOM meeting attended by: Pastor Kelly Thibeault, Deanne Bellinger, Jim Koepfler, Ed Clavette, Jim Fennell, Kevin Graves, Jeannette Galvin, Ellen Kingman, Linda Vogler, Cindi Barkley, Carolyn Chretien, and Janice Dumont.

Deanne Bellinger, Moderator, called the meeting to order and asked Pastor Kelly to give an opening prayer.

Deanne then reminded us to keep the Covenant in mind during the meeting. She also asked each person to keep their reports as brief and to the point as possible.

Minutes of the last meeting were looked over and accepted

### **TREASURER'S REPORT** -Jim Koepfler

- Jim went over his report and explained some things in January that were deposited in December,
- Jim said he will be working on a cash basis this year. He and Deb are working together and are on the money for 2022.
- The report was accepted.

### **BOARD OF DEACONS** - Jeannette Galvin

- First meeting will be on Sunday.

### **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS MINISTRY** -Ed Clavette

- Zeph Halsey, Peter Gaw, and Jim Koepfler have agreed to be on the ministry with Ed. He will ask Dr. Granville if he wants to stay on.
- Zeph has taken over clearing the snow from the ramp and the walkways to the buildings when it snows.
- Ed was at the church late last night as the new thermostat was not working correctly. Sanctuary temp was only 45. Keeps switching back and forth.
- A bill will be coming in from Badger Heating for cleaning and replacing the nozzle and igniters in the schoolhouse burner. This had not been serviced for several years and we will now have it serviced on a regular/annual schedule.
- Ed will talk to Manny about handling and cleaning the church burner.

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY** -Linda Vogler --nothing to report

### **FUND RAISING MINISTRY**

- Deb Fennell is not in charge, but is only for a vendor fair
- Kris Collins will head up a fair
- Ed reported a Pet Clinic will be held on Feb.19th. Others will be scheduled as the year progresses and volunteers are available.

- He also said we need to start talking about yard sales at the March meeting. He would like to schedule one in April.

### **MISSIONS MINISTRY** - Cindi Barkley

- They have not had their first meeting yet.

### **MUSIC MINISTRY** - Jim Fennell

- Potter-Rathbun, the company taking care of our organ for many years, has gone out of business. He has contacted the Andover Organ Co. They're very familiar with 1800 organs such as ours and service organs all along the eastern seaboard from Maine to South Carolina.
- Our organ, an 1865 tracker action organ, is right up their alley according to Jim.
- He will be reaching out to members of the ministry to set up a meeting.

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY** - nothing to report

### **STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY** - Kevin Graves

- Planning to meet on Sunday.

### **PASTOR**

- She's holding things together at this point.
- Wil Sencabaugh, new pastor at Second Church in Attleboro contacted her about possibly sharing summer services as we have long ago. One church would close for July and that congregation would attend the other church, then in August they would switch. Lots of questions to be worked out such as music, deacons, etc. It would save each church from using pulpit supply and each minister would get 4 weeks vacation.
- There could be other projects as well where both churches could work together. We need to think about all this and revisit the issue in March.
- Pastor welcomed Janice to her first Church Committee meeting.
- Discussion about opening the church after PAUSE in January. Decided to follow school departments' decision to drop masks after Feb. vacation (Feb. 28). Optional for anyone to continue wearing a mask.
- We will keep mask mandate for next 2 weeks -Feb. 20 and 27.
- Having coffee and fellowship was discussed. Deacons will discuss who will do it, sign up sheet, etc. at their meeting. They will also discuss communion at that time.

### **OLD / NEW BUSINESS**

- Jim Fennell asked each ministry leader to gather names of those serving and forward to him as soon as they meet.
- Jim is creating a Google calendar as an internal church thing containing lots of in-house information (not seen by general public).

- Jeannette Galvin reported for the Pastoral Relations Ministry on Pastor Kelly's sabbatical. Most churches offer a sabbatical after 5-7 years. She's' been here 12 years and hers is long overdue. Following a sabbatical, pastors are supposed to serve at least one year.
- 6 weeks paid leave from April 18 through June 1. Is the time frame. Pastor Kelly will be here for Easter and back for Pentecost.
- Meeting of all ministry leaders with Deacons and Pastoral Relations will be on Feb. 24 at 6 PM. Discussion will take place on renewing congregation to pull together and keep home fires burning. and perhaps have lay persons --ministry leaders take one week.
- Jim Fennell is working on incorporating all information into Pastor's call agreement in her contract.
- A motion to grant the sabbatical was made by Jeannette Galvin, seconded by Linda Vogler and so passed.

### **PASTOR**

- March 27 - new members. She will check in and see who is interested.

Jim Koepfler thanked Ed for the great job he did with the presentation of the Annual Reports. Ed is currently editing it and correcting any errors, so if anyone has something that needs to be looked at please contact him.

As there was no further business and no deletions needed to be made, Deanne asked Pastor Kelly to give a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn E. Chretien, Clerk

Next regular meeting: Mar.15,2022