

## **Church Committee Meeting 3-15-2022**

In-person and ZOOM meeting was held with the following attending: Pastor Kelly Thibeault, Deanne Bellinger, Cindi Barkley, Jim Brinson, Jim Koepfler, Carolyn Chretien, Kevin Graves, Jeannette Galvin, Ed Clavette, Ellen Kingman, Linda Vogler, and Jim Fennell.

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

Deanne then reminded us of our covenant and to keep this in mind as we met.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted. Carolyn noted that one correction or rewording of the Buildings and Grounds report was made.

### **TREASURER** -Jim Koepfler

- Jim gave his report explaining the online giving line and also that a kitchen inspection and license had been paid - \$103.98.
- He explained the budgeted income vs. expense in answer to Kevin's questions.
- The report was accepted.

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

- They met and went over a checklist of what needs to be done.
- Each Deacon will be responsible for a Sunday so there will always be a Deacon on duty.

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

- Another oil fill
- Able to reset igniter on burner this morning. Organ being tuned and heat needed.
- Quiet time at present.

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY** - Linda Vogler - -

- Ministry has yet to meet.

### **FUND RAISING MINISTRY**

- Jim Fennell pointed out that Deb is no longer the point person. She will do specific events.
- Ed has spoken to Sanfords and a yard sale will be held on Apr. 23rd.
- April 30th -Spring Fling Sale will be held in Maxcy Hall. Cindy Stone will run a Shabby Chic table and there will be a bake table as well. Kris Collins and Deanne Bellinger are chairing.

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

- Held a long meeting last Sunday.
- Planning to collect cans and non-perishable goods until the end of March. Cindi asked Ed for the height of the steeple so they could have a goal of meeting that. She also asked for the dimensions of the building - length and width for future plans.
- She proposed a clean and de-clutter project that they would like to take on with the help of the congregation. It would be done room by room with hopes of sharing a community open house later in the year. More details later.

## **MUSIC MINISTRY** -Jim Fennell

- Andover Organ Co. came today to see our organ, tune it, etc. Slight glitch in the heat but the burner was able to be started again. This was their first visit with us.
- The organ is in great shape and they did make some suggestions. Invoice will be coming.
- Two new folks have expressed interest and they will get together online.
- Another piano player has offered to play and assist Ellen.
- Some people have asked about the choir. Needs to be looked into to see who is available and interested.

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

- Nothing to report. He will return from FL soon.

## **PASTOR**

- She expressed thanks for the great response to the signup sheets.. One will be added for Sunday morning greeters.
- Flower Ministry was discussed. Perilene Twyman has been named as the point person. Cindi Barkley will get prices for Easter plants.
- Pastor Kelly explained a new program she's heard that other churches are considering. called "Flowers to Flours". Donors' names would still be listed in the bulletin, but instead of a plant, the money would be donated to help feed the hungry. There would still be a few plants on the altar on Easter morning. No action was taken.
- Something to think about. Suggestions were charging double and going ½ and ½ or adding an extra amount to the price to be donated as we do for Food Forward.
- Kris Collins will no longer do the gardens so this was discussed. Some ideas were to form a garden group and organize what needs to take place. Carolyn suggested that maybe the time has come to stop the annual planting --bulbs will bloom in the spring, then the azaleas blossom. In the fall the mums bloom. So if the gardens are mulched and the bushes are trimmed it will still look nice. Summers are hot now almost every day, the plants require more water and get burned, plus the cost will be much higher this year, Henry Chretien has offered to keep the bushes trimmed.
- Everyone received a copy of the bulletin to be used for The Great 50 Days while Pastor Kelly is on sabbatical. Things are falling into place.
- Jim Fennell read the Pastoral Relations paragraph to be included with the call agreement regarding sabbaticals. He will collect the necessary signatures on Sunday.
- The next meeting will be on Apr. 19th and Pastor Kelly will be gone then. Could move the meeting to Tues. the 12th during Holy Week. Pastor will give ZOOM information before she goes.
- Music was discussed and it can be run by Ellen for approval during the 50 days, etc.
- Jim Koepfler asked for approval for our annual Easter picture. We've missed 2 years due to the pandemic.
- Carolyn suggested that we do something to thank Katerina Trieb for her service to the church during these past years. She'll be going to college in the fall. Either in June or at the April yard sale. Ed will check this out and let us know.

- Jim Koepfler proposed that we take \$3,000 from the Building Fund to pay on the balance that we owe for the schoolhouse work. Jim Brinson cautioned that we need to watch our checkbook balance and not let it get too low. All approved and Jim will write the check.
- Pastor Kelly will speak to Dan about the installation of railings leading up to the pulpit. They will be on one side of the stairways only and assist people going up and down.
- As there was no further business and no deletions needed to be made, Deanne asked Pastor Kelly to give a closing prayer and we adjourned.
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Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn E.Chretien, Clerk

Next meeting: April 19,