

Church Committee Meeting - 5-17-2022

Those attending were: Deanne Bellinger, Cindi Barkley, Linda Vogler, Jim Brinson, Ed Clavette, and Carolyn Chretien.

Deanne called the meeting to order and asked if someone would be willing to give an opening prayer. Carolyn did, after which Deanne reminded us to keep our covenant in mind and to "just be kind".

There were no minutes as we did not meet last month.

Jim Koepfler was not present but had sent us all copies of his reports. Jim Brinson stressed that we need to think about our check book balance. In the last 5 years it has gone down steadily from \$34,000 to \$11,000. What does the future hold?

BOARD OF DEACONS - Deanne Bellinger

- Not much to report other than she will be sending out cards to those members we have not seen in a while reminding them that we miss them and encourage them to return'

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS MINISTRY -Ed Clavette

- Ed has painted the yellow strips at bottom of ramp, etc.
- Peter Gaw continues to care for the lawns.
- Now that the weather is warmer Ed will continue to clear out the back lot area.
- Oil is okay at this point.
- Ed thanked Pastor Kelly and Dan for the new eco thermostats which are working out fine.
- Ed plans to clean, repair and paint the sign in front of the church.
- Peter Granville has purchased stain to be used on the ramp deck after it's cleaned.
- Carolyn pointed out loose coins on the back corner of the building which are already in the works to be repaired.
- Jim Brinson questioned whether the gas hot water heater could be put on a timer to be lowered automatically. Ed said he will lower it for now.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY Linda Vogler

- She was happy her week was over and was glad that Pastor Kelly had prepared her so well. She felt everything was handled nicely and was thankful her family was there.
- Several people are voicing opinions about having Household Huddle or some other appropriate program in place for children. Discussion followed about how to handle this and whether to start something at this time or wait until fall. A notice will be in the Friday email to contact the CE Ministry by email. If there is enough response something will be in place on June 5th.

MISSIONS MINISTRY - Cindi Barkley

- Cindi will be the last ministry to present and promises that the last will be best!
- Ministry will meet to discuss and set up calendar to begin the clean-up program they proposed earlier in the year. They will start with the easiest room and go from there deciding what to keep, throw away, etc. Lots of decisions to be made.

MUSIC MINISTRY - no report

- Carolyn questioned the amount charged by the new organ repair company as to how it compared with Potter-Rathbun. To be answered next time we meet.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- Ed Clavette reported that the Pet Clinic held in May raised \$720 for the church - -the highest ever. Next one will be on June 18th.
- Yard Sale is coming up on Sat. May 21st. Discussed how these events are advertised. Ed places a 3 day ad in The Sun Chronicle for \$31.44. He also posts it in other local papers and online. Yard salers follow these ads and some come from quite far away.
- Discussion followed about what we should do for Katerina Trieb as she graduates in June. She has helped us enormously for several years as an Ambassador from Attleboro High School. It was decided to take a collection for the next two Sundays (5-22 and 5-29). CE Ministry will even off the amount and a gift certificate and a nice card will be sent to her. Ed will get her address.
- Deanne has been approached by someone willing to purchase a full size refrigerator for upstairs. It's very hard to be using the downstairs refrigerators when collations or other entertaining events are held in Maxcy Hall. All in attendance approved this. Linda suggested a perfect place for it in the corner of the meeting room, next to the door leading to the stairway.
- The Stewardship Corner which appears in the weekly bulletin was then discussed. Many people find it very confusing; some feel it should not be there, others feel once a month is enough. Discussion followed and it was decided to table this until next month.

As there was no further business, Deanne asked Carolyn to give a closing prayer and we adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn E. Chretien, Clerk

Next meeting: June 21, 2022