

Church Committee Meeting -10-2-2022

Attending: Pastor Kelly Thibeault, Deanne Bellinger, James Koepfler, Cindi Barkley, Linda Vogler, James Fennell, Janice Dumont, Edmund Clavette, Pat Sanford, James Brinson, and Carolyn Chretien.

We met at noon following worship service.

Pastor Kelly led us in a time of centering -And He said," Let anyone with ears to hear, listen!" - -Mark4:9

Moderator Deanne then proceeded with the meeting calling for a review of the minutes. Accepted with change of Pat Sanford as the head of the Board of Deacons. Also noted that both Zeph Halsey and Ed Clavette had worked on scraping and then repainting the front sign. It looks great.

TREASURERS REPORT Jim Koepfler

- A very quiet time with nothing unusual taking place. Pet Clinic and Yard sale noted.
- Jim Fennell said we have made up about \$9,000 of our deficit which is quite amazing. This is in part because we have kept our expenses down. Report was accepted.
- Pastor Kelly then brought up an insurance issue that needed attention. Discussion followed and Jim Koepfler, Ed Clavette and Linda Vogler will take care of signing and returning.

SIMPLE TIME OF REFLECTION - joys and concerns in Old town

- Some of the joys we shared were -- increased attendance, Household Huddle started again, more people seem to be around, Wednesday night spiritual group was great. Janice Dumont sharing with Ellen the piano playing, etc.
- Some concerns about being kind to each other and helping to share Oldtown's caring ways were discussed. Bad manners and confrontations will not be helpful. Listen more and hear!

MINISTRY FEEDBACK AND REQUESTS

- Pastor Kelly has been pleased with how we are getting back to somewhat normal again.
- Wednesday night spiritual group was very popular. The cost for soup, etc, was picked up by others. She is hoping to start another series later this year.
- Pat Sanford has stepped in as head of the Deacons and hopes are to redefine and step forward with the hope of adding new members.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS MINISTRY -Jim Koepfler

- As stated above -Ed and Zeph worked together on scraping and painting the sign out front in Todd Garden. Beautiful job!
- They also secured loose quoins (boards at the corners of the building).
- All tests for fire extinguishers passed.
- Building certification passed with flying colors.

FUND RAISING MINISTRY

- Successful yard sale on Sept. 24th Additional sale of \$40 brought total up to \$1600.
- Another yard sale is scheduled for Oct. 22nd and a Pet Clinic on Oct. 29th.

MISSIONS MINISTRY

- Cleaned out and organized the upper room.
- Got rid of books in downstairs classroom.

MINISTRY REQUESTS

- Cindi Barkley asked Jim Koepfler if a check to support the boy in Rwanda could be made to Leah Moynihan for \$200. She had paid for it herself. To be taken care of. We've been paying for his schooling.
- Jim Fennell brought up the topic of having suppers. People have been asking about them. It seems the most popular are turkey and he suggested that while prices are low this fall maybe we should put in a supply for when we can open again. We need lots of growth and new workers for this to happen. Discussed ways of serving, etc. Possibly in the spring?

CALENDAR ITEMS

1. Yard Sale-Oct.22
2. Pet Clinic Oct. 29
3. Fall Fair -Nov. 11 and 12 - - set up begins Nov.9
4. Dec. 11 -Grieving Mothers Group service
5. Dec. 21 -Longest night of the year - a Blue Christmas service will be held this year
6. Christmas is on Sunday this year so services on Christmas Eve and Sunday morning
7. Jim Fennell brought up meeting schedules and hard for him to fit it in - -could we do ZOOM. Discussed this and decided to continue as is until end of year --then let new Church Committee decide in 2023.
8. Church Committee Meetings :
 - Oct. 19
 - Nov. 16
 - Dec.14 --budget work on both months
 - Jan. 18
 - Annual Meeting tentative dates --Jan. 22 with snow date of Jan.29

As there seemed to be no further action needed Pastor Kelly gave a closing prayer and we adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn E. Chretien, Clerk

Next meeting -Oct. 19, 2022