

Church Committee Meeting -11-16-2022

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

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Jim Koepfler

- Nothing unusual to report. Oct. Pet Clinic figures are in Nov. report
- Transfers made from Bldg. Fund for kitchen painting, etc.
- Cindi asked about check from Missions to Leah - -will show in November report

OLD BUSINESS

- Jim Brinson asked about insurance issue discussed last month. Reported taken care of.
- Jim Fennell reported that the Thanksgiving breakfast will be held. Parents and band members are excited and thankful for this event. They will be helping prep the night before. Jim Koepfler reported that there are many things still in the dining area to be returned to the kitchen..
- Cindi Barkley reported on status of nomination. Still no Moderator or Vice Moderator for next year - -need one more auditor and member at large. Signup sheets are filling in.
- Discussion followed and Pastor Kelly said that sometimes it's good to shake things up and start over. Discussed job of Moderator and its one year term. Linda Vogler agreed to take Moderator position, Pat Sanford -Vice Moderator, Deanne Bellinger will replace Carolyn as Clerk, but Carolyn will remain Historian.
- Pastor is hoping to take in new members the week before the Annual Meeting.
- She thanked everyone for covering the service the week she was away. Everyone agreed that it was a good experience.

NEW BUSINESS

- Pastor Kelly congratulated everyone for a job well done with this year's fair. It was a great success and a wonderful evening and full day of working together. Of course there were many hours of prep before this.
- Looking forward to the Advent Season. Hanging of the Greens will take place the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Theme will be "Angels from Christmas and how we need to be angels in the world".
- Town of Bethlehem will be set up at the back of the sanctuary and used to teach children about it. Discussed the different crèches that the church has --large one from the Morels -left for the children and also the Hummel set left by the Greene family. Pastor mentioned another set showing Mary and Joseph fleeing from Bethlehem. We are so rich in beautiful items it's hard to choose which one to use and where.
- The longest night is on Dec. 21 and we will once again have our Blue Christmas service at 7 PM Some people have a hard time with the season and this service is a comfort for them
- The Grieving Mother's service will be on Dec. 11th. They will conduct their service but it's important for a couple of Deacons or members from Oldtown to be present at this time.
- Christmas Eve service will be at 7 PM and Christmas Sunday service at 10 AM
- New Year's Day will be the next service at 10 AM, including communion.

- Caroling on the front lawn will take place on Dec. 18th at 4 PM. Check will be made to see if we need more battery operated candles.
- Carolyn reminded that the small red sled given to us by Dyer-Lake is stored under the back stairs to Maxcy Hall if anyone plans to use it for decoration outside the church.
- Cindi Barkley said that Missions would like to have another luncheon in the spring and thought we could celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the dedication of Maxcy Hall. Our addition was actually built during 1990-91. It was decided that May 7th would be the date.
- Cindi then asked Jim Fennell if he could adjust the volume of his singing. No complaints about his music / singing but several people have said the loud volume interferes with hearing aids or causes other health problems as well.
- Jim Koepfler then thanked Pastor Kelly for the beautiful "memory table" last Sunday where people could bring in pictures of loved ones. Hopefully this will become a yearly tradition in addition to the reading of names and tolling of the bell in memory of those who passed during the year.
- As there was no further business, Deanne asked Pastor Kelly to give a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn E. Chretien, Clerk

Next meeting: December 14, 2022