

Church Committee Meeting - 1-18-2023

Attending: Pastor Kelly Thibeault, Deanne Bellinger, Cindi Barkley, Jim Fennell, Jim Koepfler, Pat Sanford, Ed Clavette, Janice Dumont, Carolyn Chretien, and Linda Vogler (via ZOOM).

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

Minutes of the last meeting were looked over and accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT -Jim Koepfler gave a quick review and pointed out the excellent job everyone did to get us to the point we are at now. Report accepted unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- Jim Fennell brought us up to date on several line items.
- Newsletter
- Music expenses - -assumption that all musicians are volunteers. New amount is okay to cover tuning of pianos, organ and musical licenses. Discussion about how to make congregation aware that expense for pianist is a gift and is returned to the church. Suggested that this needs to be explained at Annual Meeting and perhaps in the regular morning service so that people understand.
- Discussed how Jim Koepfler can shorten up reading of the Proposed Budget.
- Payroll service claims the amount being charged is correct.
- All agreed with new budget.
- Thanks to Ed for preparing and printing the Annual Report. Great job!

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussed handling of two new members wishing to join who were not announced last week. Decided to make special announcement at beginning of this Sunday's service allowing them to join with others. We have 11 new members joining.
- Jim Koepfler explained request from Attleboro Historic Preservation Society requesting use of our sanctuary on April 29th for a lecture given by Dr. Forman of Boston on the Attleboro Solemn League and Covenant. The Attleboro Pledge may have actually been signed here in 1774. It's hope that the North Attleboro Historical Society as well as the Historical Commission will all work together on this presentation to the community. More details will follow. (See attached notes for request).
- Pastor Kelly then asked about a new directory as this has not been done for a few years. New addresses, phone numbers, etc. need to be gathered. Decided to put out signup sheets after Annual Meeting - -Cindi B. will handle this.
- Christmas tree in Maxcy Hall is ours and will be stored away in the closet.
- Safety Procedures.were discussed. People attending may not be aware of what to do and where to go in an emergency situation, even though directions are posted in the building. Announcement will be made about this on Sunday.

- Souper Bowl Sunday plans were discussed. Decided to collect canned soups for the food pantry. Pat said tomato soup is most requested, also cream of mushroom and chicken. Decided to serve tomato soup cake at coffee hour on that day.
- Jim Fennell announced a Take Out Turkey Supper will take place on Feb.11th. Depending on how it goes the supper schedule will be formed and announced. Several yard sales and two vendor sales are being planned. Kris Collins will be asked if she plans to head up the Fall Fair.
- Ed Clavette reported that the dishwasher had problems which have been fixed in anticipation of coming suppers. Kitchen will need to be inspected before use.
- He is currently researching replacement of the 48 pew cushions in our sanctuary. He has received quotes ranging from \$9,000 to \$14,000. We have received a \$15,000 donation to cover this. Ed is looking to put together a committee to work with him on this.
- Last discussed item was renewal of our plan to have CPR training, choke saving procedures and AED possibility. Purchase of a unit could cost \$1,000. Suggested to contact Fire Dept. / Police Dept' for help with information and or training as well. Saving a person's life is important!
- Carolyn then said she had looked back in the records to see when she became Clerk. The first Annual Meeting report signed by her was 1973. So 50 years minus a few years or so. She had taken over from Eleanor Maxcy McLintock Razee who had also stepped down due to eye problems.
- Jim Fennell then thanked Deanne Bellinger for serving as Moderator this past year.

As there seemed to be no other business, Deanne asked Pastor Kelly to give a closing prayer.

Next meeting will be on Feb.15,2023

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn E. Chretien, Clerk