

Church Committee Meeting February 15, 2023

Attendees: Cindi Barkley, Deanne Bellinger, Edmund Clavette, Janice Dumont, James Fennell, James Koepfler, Beth Sanford, Patricia Sanford, Pastor Kelly Thibeault, Linda Vogler

Member Guests: Joseph and Mary Marshall

Our moderator, Linda, called the meeting to order at 7:09, upon which Pastor Thibeault gave the opening prayer.

Linda then read the highlights of our Covenant as a reminder for us all.

A motion was made by Ed to accept last month's minutes with a second by Pat that we accept the minutes. It passed unanimously.

The treasurers report was discussed and a motion was made by Ed and seconded by Cindi to accept the report and it passed unanimously.

A calendar conflict arose when a mission ministry luncheon proposal for May 7th had been approved by the church committee and a Spring art and craft fair had been scheduled for May 6th. The 6th would be needed to prepare for the luncheon, thus creating the conflict. There would not be enough time to prepare after the vendor craft fair had ended. After much discussion and many offers of compromise, it was decided that missions would change their date to May 21 with a set up on May 20

In order to avoid future conflicts, there was some discussion as to achieve this. Janice made a motion which Ed seconded, that there be an 18 month calendar on the wall of the meeting room. Jim F. advised that those calendar dates on the wall have to be online also. There were some suggestions and discussion and a decision was made to table this until next month's meeting.

As chair of the music ministry Janice requested and was approved for an hour for Saturday, March 18th, from 2-3.

A motion was made by Jim F. and seconded by Janice that the Fall Fair be held the evening of November 10th and during the day of the 11th. It was approved.

There was a discussion that perhaps the Pet Clinic be exempt from calendar scheduling as their dates correspond with Dr. Granville's availability and the shot schedules of the animals.

March 4th will be our corned beef supper. Ed pointed out that the profit margin would be smaller than the turkey, due to the cost of the corned beef.

There will be a pancake supper and Bible Jeopardy on February 21st at 6:00 and Ash Wednesday service at 7:00

The Deacons will meet the first Sunday of the month except during Easter and the missions ministry will meet the second Sunday of the month.

With respect to the website update, Jim F. stated that he needs to have information on any events that will be occurring at the church and needs to have this information descriptive. We do have two areas of information. One is internal and concerns those only for the church. The other is external for the public. Jim needs to know when meetings are happening, new folks, info on those who have left, updated emails, and the chairs of each ministry. Jim also proposed that we meet via Google Meet instead of Zoom.

Since Janice is now a regular member, she will no longer be a member at large.

Cindi showed us a welcome packet that she designed and the contents she included in it. It was well received and they will be given to any newcomers.

Ed reported on building and grounds: He has replaced five ballasts in the vestry lights and the shoes that were stored downstairs will be shipped out. It has been decided that Waggoners will do the pew cushions and the process of selecting the fabric and color is in the works.

Money has been donated to replace the upstairs lights with more efficient LEDs.

For old business Jim K. reported on the meeting of the Attleboro Historic Preservation Society at our church. This will be on April 29th T 2:00. It is expected that anywhere from 50 to 200 people may attend. One or two cable companies may be present and there will be revolutionary war reenactments and a brief history of Oldtown.

Pastor's report stated that Sunday would be Transfiguration Sunday and we would be celebrating the life of Carolyn Delgado and remembering the five year anniversary of the death of Betty Grant.

Her vacations are as follows: May 14th, July 23rd, September 10th, and October 8th. Jim F. made the motion to accept and Ed seconded it. It passed unanimously.

After Pastor's closing prayer the meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

Respectfully submitted,
Deanne Bellinger
Clerk