

Church Committee Meeting June 21, 2023

Attending: Cindi Barkley, Deanne Bellinger, Edmund Clavette, Carolyn Cretien, Janice Dumont, James Fennell, James Koepfler, Beth Sanford, and Pastor Kelly Thibeault.

The meeting was called to order by Linda at 7:07, with an opening prayer by Pastor Kelly. There was a reminder from Linda that we remember our Covenant and mix passion with compassion.

The secretary's report was accepted.

The treasurer's report was discussed. We had a donation of \$50 for prayer shawls and \$1000 for use of the sanctuary. We are currently \$1065 in the black with fundraising bringing in \$3441. A motion was made by Deanne to accept the report, seconded by Pat, and was accepted unanimously.

The calendar is good and does not conflict with anything going on at the schoolhouse. The online calendar is more specific as to what room, etc., than the one on the wall.

Christian Education reported that Household Huddle has ended for the summer. There was a good turnout for Create and Creation. This will be followed by Hot Dogs and Hallelujah and Smores and Psalms.

Beth will be using Maxcy Hall on July 22nd from 10-3, and Grieving Moms will be using the sanctuary on December 10th.

Building and Grounds reported that the ramp has been tightened up, the air conditioner is in, and the cushions are in with the old ones in the dump or taken by those who wanted one. Dan Thibeault is to give an estimate to replace the things at the schoolhouse that have rotted. In addition, he will be asked about the lighting replacement in Maxcy Hall, the entryway, and the meeting room. Ed will also ask about replacing the lighting downstairs.

Fundraising reported that we had online sales of \$450 from the truck and the kitchen. Bags will be going to Savers on June 28th, and we have almost forty bags. The chicken supper, held inside because of rain, went well with a \$600-\$700 profit. We had four kids helping with the first supper and two for the last. The pet clinic is doing well, and about 15 people are expected on June 24th. This started in 2013 and has made \$16,629 to date. Thank you, Dr. Peter Granville.

Deacons will not be meeting in July and August.

Flowers reported there will be a new calendar for July.

Carolyn reported that the school tours were successful, with 301 persons attending. The historical fund has \$500 in the checking account. Carolyn stressed the need for a fireproof box, especially after the Spencer fire, which is under investigation. The UCC is addressing fire info for all churches, such as numbers for insurance companies. She also suggested that all the churches in the area meet with local fire officials. Kelly will bring it to the clergy lunch for discussion. Do we need to keep deacon treasury records? Yes. Should we digitize? Yes, but it would be laborious.

Missions reported that food donations have fallen off, but Pat says the pantry has plenty of food now, but they need personal products. There will be no meeting in July.

Music reported that there will be Come and Sing every Saturday. On the second Sunday in July, the Oldtown Singers will be doing everything. There will be music for the rest of the summer.

Pastor Kelly will be on vacation on July 23rd, September 10th, and October 8th. While she is gone, Cindi will lead the service on July 23rd, Missions will lead on September 10th, and Jim F. will lead on October 10th.

The meeting ended with a prayer by Pastor Kelly.

Respectfully submitted,
Deanne Bellinger