

Church Committee Meeting September 20, 2023

Attending: Deanne Bellinger, Carolyn Chretien, Janice Dumont, Beth Sanford, Pastor Kelly Thibeault, Linda Vogler.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 by Moderator Vogler with a reminder to temper passion with compassion. An opening prayer was offered by Pastor Kelly.

The minutes from June were accepted with three corrections to be made. The motion to accept was made by Carolyn and seconded Janice.

It was agreed that we would review the Treasurer's report and go over it at the next meeting.

Linda asked if there were any issues with the wall calendar and none were raised. There was a discussion concerning the coming year. It was decided to take a picture of the calendar to archive it. We could then, erase the top line and start 2024 in a different color.

Building and Grounds: Ed was unable to be at the meeting but sent in his report. On August 17th the fire extinguishers were inspected and all were good, with exception of the one next to the piano. It has been replaced. The weeds have been cut in the back lot and south garden. Probably will be done again before winter. September 11th flood cleanup started Tuesday, with good progress being made by removing damaged items and mopping and cleaning. The hot water heater will be replaced by a wall mounted, on demand water heater. The flood did not affect the furnaces. Because of the flood damage, the Pet clinic and Pot Roast supper have been canceled. The fire alarm system testing has been rescheduled for September 25th at 8 a.m. Ed has purchased a better sump pump for the kitchen drywell. The September yard sale is still on for the 30th.

Christian Education: Household Huddle has started doing it the old way by having food. Wondering about the Word began on September 20th. Smores and Psalms will be held in October.

Deacons: Communion assignments have been made until the end of the year. There will be two services Christmas Eve.

Historical: Water did get into some of the books in the office. The rug has been removed and a fan is on to dry things up. No news on the school tours yet and it seemed to be the consensus of opinion that they should be longer.

Missions: There will be a celebration service for our member, Janice Tondravi at 2:00 p.m. on October 15th, with a collation to follow in Maxcy Hall.

Music: There has been Come and Sing on the first Saturday of the month, with many people attending. The enormous budget seen in the financials will soon be used for organ maintenance and licensing. Generally organ maintenance is done from September through October. Ellen will be out for a few weeks in November, so Janice will fill in for her.

Calendar: There will be a graveside service at 11:30 on October 23rd. There will be no collation. On October 15th will be the celebration of life for Janice Tondravi. On October 21st is the funeral of Susan Delgado. On October 10th Pastor Kelly will be on vacation and Jim Fennell will preach.

Fundraising: The turkey supper is tentatively on. There will be an online signup for North Attleboro students to volunteer to help. There will be other fundraising in November and December.

Pastor Kelly told us of a prayer group at La Salette. On September 28th they will have a presentation called: Building a World Without Nuclear Weapons. All are invited.

A special shout out and thank you to Ed, Steve Mankavech and all the others who helped clean up after the flood. Also a huge thank you to Henry Chretien for his lawn mowing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 and Pastor Kelly led us in a closing prayer.

Respectively submitted,
Deanne Bellinger