

Church Committee Meeting October 18, 2023

Attending: Cindi Barkley, Deanne Bellinger, Edmund Clavette, James Fennell, James Koepfler, Beth Sanford, Pastor Kelly Thibeault, Linda Vogler

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Moderator Vogler with a reminder to temper passion with compassion. An opening prayer was offered by Pastor Kelly.

The minutes from September were accepted. A motion to accept was made by Ed and seconded by Jim F.

The treasurer reported that there had been a \$5000.00 gift given to the church. In addition, Janice Tondravi had given money to be used for the Community School in North Attleboro. These monies, as well as those donated in her memory will go to the Missions Ministry to distribute, at their discretion, for the needs of children. A motion was made to accept this decision was made by Linda and seconded by Ed. The motion carried. A motion was made to accept the Treasurers report by Ed and seconded by Deanne. The motion carried.

There was a discussion regarding the Calendar and the lack of Household Huddle and fellowship hour due to the service for Janice T. This was an unusual occurrence due to certain family needs. Jim F. mentioned that perhaps shorten coffee and everyone help set up. It was agreed that it was an extraordinary occasion to have it on a Sunday and greater communication to all, including having it on a Saturday would be better, if possible. November 18th is the next pet clinic and November 23rd we will host the North Attleboro marching band breakfast.

With respect to building and grounds, the historian's office is still not back in order. Bonnie A. helped to take things out to dry. A discussion followed which included the possibility of putting the records on computer files. Ed has been in touch with Katarina and she could be a liaison for helpers. Fire alarm testing was completed on September 25th and it passed. Batteries will need replacing at next annual testing. The hot water heater was replaced by a tankless heater on September 25th. The cost was \$4,500 plus \$180 for wiring to power the heater and the condensation pump. The system worked well during the turkey supper. October 10th the flood cleanup was completed, thanks to all that pitched in, and the semi annual Back Flow Preventer valve testing was done by the North Attleboro Water Dept. It passed. The annual building inspection is overdue. Ed will file the request next week and schedule the inspection.

Christian Education reported although Household Huddle is small, it is working well. There will be one more Food, Faith, and Fun, but probably not outdoors.

The next time the Flower Ministry will be active is getting the poinsettias.

For Fund Raising we had a yard sale on September 30th that yielded \$860. Undecided if there will be one in October. The turkey supper was successful with a total net of \$2215. There is a need to rethink supper times to single serving. A pet clinic was held on October 7th, with the church receiving \$352. Thanks to Dr. Granville, Jim Koepfler and Mike Noonan for their assistance. Ed's Serve Safe manager certification expires November 23rd. He will have to recertify and feels that it would be a good idea to have a second person get certified. The cost is about \$150. We have our Fall Fair coming up in November and our Vendor Fair coming up in December. The Vendor Fair tables are going well.

Missions Ministry are asking for us to make choices as to hats, gloves, mittens and scarves for those without. We were blessed with a great multitude of items from Pastor Amy's church. Many things for our migrant neighbors and many prayer shawls for us to share. The UCC has asked Pastor Kelly to write an article about what we are doing for our migrants. It appears as though both the hotel and National Guard are stressed.

Jim F. reported that the organ tuning will take place on October 25th, and the tuning of the piano will take place before Advent. This week's worship theme is music.

Pastor Kelly reported that she will have October 24th through and including the 26th off. She suggested that we put reserved signs up for our friends from the group home. There was some discussion as to the lack of welcoming exhibited by some of the congregation when we had visitors. Pastor will discuss this with the deacons when they meet.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 and Pastor Kelly led us in a closing prayer.
Respectfully submitted,
Deanne Bellinger