

Church Committee Meeting December 13, 2023

Attending: Deanne Bellinger, Edmund Clavette, Janice Dumont, James Fennell, James Koepfler, Beth Sanford, Patricia Sanford, Pastor Kelly Thibeault, Linda Vogler.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 by Moderator Vogler with a reminder to temper passion with compassion. Pastor Kelly led the opening prayer.

Linda brought up the subject of meeting Quarterly next year and she is willing to take on the job of clerk.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with Linda making the motion and Pat seconding it.

The treasurer's report showed our numbers in the black. Pat made a motion to accept them, and Ed seconded it. Accepted unanimously.

Deanne requested 12/6 and 12/7, 2024 for the church fair. It was tabled.

Building and Grounds reported that we had a delivery of fuel oil for the sanctuary and the schoolhouse, and the lights have been fixed in the schoolhouse.

Pastor Kelly brought up the fact that in the by-laws there is no mention of age as to when you can join the church. Kelly suggested sixteen or older. A discussion followed and it was thought that we don't include an age when we make an invitation to join the church.

There will be a pet clinic on January 6th.

Fundraising to have a meeting to discuss next year.

Kitchen licenses are up for renewal, as well as food handler certification. Linda has CPR from the American Heart Association that is good through 2025. Jim K. is to check to see if a CPR person has to be at all events.

There was a discussion regarding the budget. Monies received from donations for Janice will go to Missions for children. The Music budget has been reduced by \$400, less cost for organ. Stewardship increased due to movies. Property maintenance lowered due to tankless hot water heater. We will make a decision on the budget at the January 10th meeting.

With regard to nominations for the ministries, each ministry will pick their own. The new moderator will be Pat Sanford and Linda Vogler will be the clerk. Carolyn will continue to be our historian.

There was a discussion regarding inactive and active lists of members. Jim Fennell made a motion that we notify those affected and Pat seconded it. It was passed with Janice being absent.

It was decided that we would have quarterly church committee meetings that would be held after church from 11:30 - 1:00. They will be as follows: February 18th, May 19th, September 15th, and December 8th. Jim F. made a motion, seconded by Ed that we accept this schedule. The motion passed.

Kelly led a closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:12pm

Respectfully submitted
Deanne Bellinger
Clerk