

## **Oldtown Church Committee Meeting Minutes, February 23, 2025**

Attendees:

Cindi Barkley, Deanne Bellinger, Ed Clavette, Jim Fennell, Megan Fennell, Beth Sanford, Jim Koepfler, Pat Sanford, Pastor Kelly Thibeault, Linda Vogler

Meeting called to order at 11:20am

Opening Prayer by Pastor Kelly

Minutes from January 12, 2025: Motion to accept 1<sup>st</sup> by Pat Sanford, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Megan Fennell; minutes accepted unanimously

### Treasurer's Report

Noteworthy updates:

Pledges/Cash offerings lower than usual, December offerings noted in December report, but deposited in January

Fundraising deposits from Thrift Store & Pet Clinic

Major Expense oil delivery

\$405 collected to support California fire/disaster relief

In person collections lower due to snow storms causing cancellations

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept 1<sup>st</sup> by Ed Clavette, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beth Sanford; treasurer's report accepted unanimously

### Deacon's Report

\$900 in bank account, baptism today, February 23, 2025

### Building & Grounds

Last Big Windy day on February 18, 2025—siding on building came loose, Leo Thibeault able to report, Ed in touch with Leo about timing

Feb 14, 2025 Roto Rooter appt for septic update, Jim Koepfler available to meet

BLUE BINDER in office: Ed updating church information about building repairs and timelines, includes directory of service providers

Repair/Roof for Sanctuary coming—1997 last repair completed

Discussion of Special Collection/fundraiser for roof repair

Utility Costs in the news—rate regulations allowed 33% increase in delivery fees, municipal electricity in North Attleborough, may see increase in electricity & gas bills  
Heat in basement for Thrift Shop—is thermostat working? Ed to take a look; possibly change timing start at 5am on Saturday mornings until 12n

ThriftShop using (2) classrooms

Double Door in basement may need replacement, \$5,000 rough estimate

Window repair (which ones @ Ed): Ed to ask Leo about window repair

Ed to work on cleaning out workshop room

Ed repaired manager

Discussion of possible spring clean up with dumpster

Schoolhouse being used 7 days a week now

New Security system with cameras around the building, allow 30-day recording

Approx \$5,000 expense with monthly/annual fees

Request to post fundraising information for Bruno project/animal support to be held on March 8, 2025—day of Fundraising

Mission's Report (Cindi Barkley to be chair)

Collection during Lent is teddy bears to share with community to provide comfort, goal is 100 teddy bears no larger than 13 inches

If goal reached, April 27 will host a Teddy Bear picnic

Thrift Shop

- January raised \$400
- February estimating \$400
- More of a boutique, would like to add a thrift room (ie tools on a table)
- Discussion of additional storage area—dungeon area

Heart Fundraiser and Raffle raised \$200

Puzzles in Copy room will go to yard sale, if not purchased will pass to Savers or Library

Little Library Cindi to review donations

Christian Education

Food Faith & Fun events—

March 19 Making Tracks and Eating Snacks (the paths of Jesus)

April 23 Fruit & Veggie Tales

Spirituality Nights

April 1 Stone Painting

Post Easter—watch The Chosen in May

6:15pm Viewing with 7pm Discussion

Please send dates and brief description to Jim Fennell

Flower Report

Easter flowers will allow congregation to purchase own for Easter flowers

Fundraising

Turkey Supper successful, approx \$1,400 raised

\$30 in meals sold on Wednesday

March 8 Corned beef supper

March 15 Pet Clinic

April 20 Yard Sale

Music

Piano to be tuned before Lent

Bruce added as musician

Bruce, Jim & Megan proclaimed group name: Joyful Noise

Stewardship

Ministry updates on website

Email updates made

Hard copy of printed directory to be posted

Other Updates

Official Open & Affirming Church confirmed by UCC  
Central Congregation is in process of getting officially recognized  
Education piece to the Open & Affirming Church status  
Jesus Revolution Movie Night

#### Hospitality

Examples of missions events--Sunday coffee hour, Pot Luck Post Annual Meeting,  
Colations, Grieving Parents  
Budget will fall under Deacons

#### Clerk

Carolyn Chretien concerned about inactive list; that a list should be available  
Ed to connect with Carolyn to get member list and send to Linda

#### Pastor's News

Pastor Kelly planned vacations—week of May 25, July 13, August 10 and October 12

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Megan Fennell to share resources that relate to caring for mental health  
March 9: celebration of life for Marcia Brinson

Review of feedback from Annual Meeting:

- \_ Sped through the annual meeting and the Open & Affirming Church statement
- \_ Good break before Annual Meeting
- \_ Send out reports beforehand was well received
- \_ Offer opportunity to submit questions in advance to clerk
- \_ Edit to moderator notes adding time for discussion
- \_ Introduce Chair people of Missions including Members at Large
- \_ Make Motion to accept each report as written to give invitation for discussion
- \_ Printed limited quantity of reports, 35

#### Opening Prayer by Pastor Kelly

Meeting Adjourned at 1:12pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Vogler

Clerk