Council Meeting 1/11/22 - Zoom

Present: Cristina Dolcino, Judy Evans, Julie Moore, Paul Karl,

Linda Edwards, Erlinde Beliveau, Pastor Luther, Kristen Crawford

We Gather in God’s Name

Blessings, Thanksgiving and devotions were shared.

We celebrate and Give Thanks for the Past

1. Treasurer Report – will be submitted in the next day or two
2. Secretary Report – See report
3. Interim Pastor Luther’s Report – grateful for Mark Donahue’s assistance in the orientation process.
4. Ministry Team Reports
   1. Serve the Lord – Paul, See Report

* Pop Up Pantry will be kept as an in/out fund

b. Grow in Faith – Julie, See report. In addition

* Faith will oversee virtual monthly Sunday School through the fall. Faith will also be meeting with Pastor Luther to support faith formation.

c. Come Together – Linda, No report

We Seek God’s Direction for our Church

1. Review of Covid data
   1. Plan: to continue “masks are highly recommended,” limit our worship to a 45 minute service, and no coffee hour (to be re-evaluated monthly). Also add a sign in at the welcoming table reminding people to socially distance.
2. Nomination Committee Update
   1. One out of the three openings are filled.
3. Transition Committee Update
   1. Have met 3 times with focus being on completing CAT in January.
4. Our contact Pastor Dave Dalzell – Update
   1. Pastor Luther and Pastor Dave will talk/meet to discuss needs that arise.
5. Ministry Allocation Plan
   1. Some specific items in budget reviewed. Kristen will present plan to the congregation during the Adult Forum 1/16/22.
6. Discussion on filling service leaders vacancies
   1. Paul shared some creative ways (possibly co-leadership) for various service leader positions. This would offer some flexibility and decrease the time/responsibility commitment. Discussion will continue.
7. Question about New Members – Pastor Luther will research what the current requirements or recommendations are for new members to join our church.
8. Reconciling in Christ Celebration Plans – Cristina reviewed the plans for 1/30/22.
9. Adult Forum Planning 1/16/22 – Ministry Allocation Plan will be shared. Forum will also be streamed for those who will not be able to attend next Sunday.
10. Annual meeting planning – Reviewed agenda, recognition of individuals, and plans for voting. Next Sunday will announce openings for 2 delegates to attend the 2022 Synod Assembly in Worcester June 9-11.

We Look to the Future

1. To do’s for next month: Determine new member guidelines. Obtain supply pastor for March 8 and April 17 (Easter).
2. Agenda items for next month: Continue discussion on service leaders
3. Future dates of Council Meetings/Events:
   1. Sunday, Jan. 16th, 10:30 am, Adult Forum Annual Meeting – Preliminary
   2. Sunday, Jan. 23rd, 10:30 am, Annual Meeting
   3. Sunday, Jan. 30th, 9:30 am Reconciling in Christ Celebration and concert
   4. Sunday, Feb. 6th Snow date for Annual meeting instead of Jan. 30th
4. February and March Council meetings tentatively set for February 8 and March 8. This will be reevaluated once new members join council.