

Church Council Meeting

June 15, 2017

In attendance: Carla Heister, Mary Rogers, Beth Provost, Tim Krauss, Pastor Kim, Jeanette Baker, Matti Verzino, Jackie Palance, Christa Zaldivar and Heidi Flower.

Excused: Luisa Gladu

Devotions provided by Carla Heister - RESPECT

May 18 minutes were approved by Mary Rogers, seconded by Jackie Palance, and accepted.

A report was submitted from the Middle Ages Group regarding the two Renaissance Dinners. \$3,557 was raised after expenses. 5% will go to the Kitchen Fund, \$300 will go to Middle Ages line item for future projects and the balance will go to the General Fund.

SPR reported that a new candidate for the nursery will be interviewed this week.

The Roberts Fund reported that 6 children received camperships to attend Family Camp at Quinipet Camp with their mothers. Another youth was given a \$500 campership toward overnight camp for a week in July. There was a discussion of other ways to raise money for future camp scholarships as the weekly camp has increased significantly, and the added expense of getting to the camp. One idea was to start a camp scholarship similar to the college scholarship and have special offerings for this fund.

Heidi Flower reported on Education. She wishes to step down as Chairman next year. Chris Kingsbury has agreed to take over that position starting in September. This information will be passed on to the Nominating Committee.

Jeanette Baker reported on Faith in Action. She would like to get a group together to go to Foodshare in Bloomfield to volunteer sorting canned goods. There is also another program – Summer Meals 0-18 that is looking for volunteers. It was decided that an Email Blast was the best way to alert members to these “short volunteer” opportunities.

Heidi Flower reported that musician Charles Paul has agreed to help with music during the summer services. He was one of the musicians who played at the fundraising concert for our AED. He would play the guitar and introduce some more contemporary songs. He will be paid \$100 each Sunday for 5 Sundays during the summer.

Pastor's Time: Pastor Kim asked in general how everyone thought things were going in church. Everyone agreed positive, happy, less friction described the state of mind of the congregation. The greeting and hand-shaking at the beginning of the service was positive and friendly. When asked what things needed to be improved on, it was suggested that more people get involved with committees.

We discussed how to find out what interests people have to help get them more involved with church activities. We also discussed recording the service and have it shown on You-Tube or Facebook Live so the service can be seen at home. Our technology needs to be updated so that projection can be used in Sessions Hall.

Tim Krauss gave a Finance Report. At present, our income is ahead of budget projections, but that will probably change over the summer months. We discussed where the money would come from for the Retreat in September. A suggestion was made that individual committees contribute toward the cost as this was not budgeted. Money taken in from those wishing to attend would go into the Events & Activities account. Tim suggested that going forward this should become a budgeted item for future retreats.

Jackie Palance reported that 25 people now are signed up for Electronic Giving, which helps with income through the summer.

Next meeting for Council is scheduled for Thursday, August 17.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Provost