

Church Council Meeting

May 18, 2017

In attendance: Carla Heister, Mary Rogers, Vivian Brackett, Beth Provost, Tim Krauss, Pastor Kim, Jeanette Baker, Matti Verzino and Jackie Palance.

Devotions provided by Carla Heister

April 20 minutes were approved by Jackie Palance, seconded by Tim Krauss, and accepted.

Pastor's Time: Pastor Kim presented thoughts of a new path for the church. Changes in present generations are not connected with the church anymore. Emphasis should be on welcoming and caring. The financial difficulties should be mentioned to the church congregation. Pastor also reminded the Council that he is having a breakfast with new members on May 27, at Applewood Restaurant. Council members are invited to attend.

Retreat: Mary Rogers reported that the contract for the Retreat has been signed. The Retreat will be held on September 9 at Mercy Center in Madison CT. All members of the congregation are welcome. The cost is \$36 per person. The church will pay one half of the cost, making each attendant cost \$18.

Tim Krauss reported that he will be unable to attend Annual Conference in June. Another member will need to be asked to attend. Tim also gave a short report on the church finances.

Tag Sale: Jeanette Baker discussed plans for a tag sale in June. It was decided to change the date to September 23, Mum Festival weekend, as there were other events taking place on the June 17th date.

Jeanette also reported on a future outreach event of going to Foodshare in Bloomfield to help sort canned goods that they distribute to town food pantries.

The summer schedule was also discussed. Summer services will change to 9:30 a.m. during July and August, and there will be communion each week. The service will be held in Sessions Hall. The piano will be moved into the Hall and the altar will be placed near the chapel doors. No formal offertory will take place, the offering plate will be placed at the entrance.

Coffee hour will provide iced tea, lemonade and juice – no snacks.

Trustees reported that the point repairs on the Tower were completed. The safety walk through the church and parsonage is being completed. Their next meeting will be June 4.

Next meeting for Council is scheduled for Thursday, June 15.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Provost