

Church Committee Meeting Minutes, May 19, 2024

Attendees: Pastor Kelly, Pat Sanford, Carolyn Chretien, Deanne Bellinger, Jim Koepfler, Ed Clavette, Jim Fennell, Bath Sanford, Cindi Barkley

Call to Order: Moderator, Pat Sanford called the meeting to order at 11:20am. Opening prayer by Pastor Kelly

Minutes from February 18, 2024: Minutes were sent out via email. There were many comments and all corrections were made. Motion was made by Beth Sanford to accept the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Carolyn Chretien. Motion was accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Report was emailed to all members. Report stood as 'normal' with a few notations...

1. Over \$2,000 was spent on a new burner
2. We received a 1,000. donation from Rhett Butler from the Attleboro Historical Society.
3. Building and Grounds fund is getting a bit low.

The report was accepted as presented.

MINISTRY REPORTS –

Fundraising: Ed Clavette reporting.

- Two new AA groups are now meeting at the Schoolhouse. One is on Saturdays, and the other is on Sunday nights. Four new keys will be made up.
- Pet Clinic: Last one was held on May 11th. \$389. was raised. The next one will be on June 1st.
- Chicken BBQ: Will be held on June 15th. Tent will be set-up around noon. Help is needed.
- Yard Sale: Next Yard Sale will be on June 22nd
- ED: Will be having 2nd hip replacement on June 24th
- Supper: Fed 71 seated guests and 76 Take-out Meals. The assembly line method worked great. It made \$1885. before expenses.

Building and Grounds: Ed Clavette reporting

- Brush will all be cut back starting this week.
- North, side garden will now be cared for by Michelle and Kay
- Henry has cut back and mulched the front garden

Deacons: Pastor Kelly reporting

- We will be welcoming six new members on June 16th. They are:
 - Andrew Heintz*
 - Pat Meyer
 - Tom & Dawn Cordeiro
 - Bonnie & Bruce Kraeutler
- *Andrew is an ordained minister and we will need to have a 4-way Covenant on record.
- Travel Communion: We now have a new travel communion kit. So Deacons will be doing home communions
- Visitations: Home visits will begin soon. Deacons will visit anyone who is in a home, residence, hospital, etc.

Missions: Cindi Barkley reporting

- A packet of 'Request Cards' was gathered and presented to the committee. They will be bound by a ring and placed in each pew. They will include requests for:
 - Prayers
 - Prayer Shawls
 - Card to be sent out
 - Information from the church
 - Call or visit from the Pastor
 - Change of address or other information
- It was suggested to add a Christian Education Info/Request card as well. The packet was accepted and will be edited and compiled by Cindi Barkley
- Paint Night: a second Paint Night has been scheduled for July 25th. Tara Santsaver is heading this up.
- Looking into ways to assist in small items that do not sell at the Yard Sales. More to come

Christian Education: Beth Sanford reporting

- Food, Faith, and Fun Nights: **at 6:00PM.** Last event had a smaller number. What children were there, played. Adults were very attentive. The next night will be “Grilled Cheeses with Jesus” on June 11th
- Spirituality Nights: **at 7:00PM.** Last event, held on May 21, was “Catching the Spirit” . It was well attended and the adults enjoyed making Dream Catchers and candle holders. The next night will be “Prayer in Breathing” on June 25th.
- Household Huddle: The group will be on vacation for the summer and start back up after Labor Day.
- Movie Night: Looking to have a Movie Night in August. More info to come.

Flowers: Pat Sanford reporting.

- Easter there was no “normal’ plant display. Instead, a few lilies were purchased, and donated to decorate the Altar. New spring wreaths were made by Pat Sanford’s sister, and hung.
- Attleboro Farms has changed hands, or at least their name. We may just continue doing simple decorations for Easter and Christmas.

Music: Jim Fennell reporting

- Thanks were given for the participation of the Oldtown Singers.
- As always, the Music Ministry takes requests for songs. However, it may take a bit of time for music to be located, practicing, etc.

Stewardship: Jim Fennell reporting

- AA Groups:It was noted that they would like to reach out to the AA Groups. The goal is to make them more welcome, feel more like part of the community, and to show we care.
- Movie Night: Looking to hold one or two nights during the summer. It is hoped that the sound will be improved from the past. Jim asked for any requests. “Enchantó” was suggested.

Clerk: Clerk, Linda Vogler, was not in attendance due to her daughter’s college graduation. No report.

Historian: Carolyn Chretien reporting

- 3rd Grade Tours: Eight classes have been seen already. There have been a few quirks, late arrivals, and time limits, just to name a couple. But there have been positive comments. There are three more tour days (6 classes) left for this year.

Pastoral Time: Pastor Kelly reporting

- Quarterly Meetings: The question was brought up if meeting quarterly was enough. The general feeling was that it was. However, there would need to be time for more meetings at the end of the year.
- Support: Thanks were given for the support for Ellen, and in turn for herself. Not having to attend the 3rd Grade Tours really helped. They are planning on sending Ellen home on Friday.
- Vacation: Next two vacations planned are:
 - Monday, July 15 through Sunday, July 21
 - Monday, Sept 2 through Sunday, Sept 8One more week will be decided and announced.

Joys & Concerns: Pastor Kelly and Jim Koepfler

- Concern: Paint is chipping from the ceiling in the front foyer. It is from the children jumping while upstairs to ring the bell. There should be NO JUMPING!
Beth Sanford will instruct them on this. It was also decided that the children, should not go upstairs until AFTER the last song is finished.
- Concern: Prayers for Dave and Meriles Fontaine. They are now in two different facilities. See addresses below.
- Joy: Pastor Kelly recognized Megan Fennell and what a gift she is. She had a chance to see Megan in action at the funeral of Rachel Escola's mother. Megan not only supported the family, but went up to many of the guests, spoke with them, and carried on genuine conversations and support. Kudos to Megan!

Meeting Closed at 12:35PM, with a closing prayer by Pastor Kelly

Respectfully submitted,
Cindi Barkley
(Standing in for Linda Vogler)