

## **Oldtown Church Committee Meeting Minutes, September 15, 2024**

Attendees:

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

Meeting called to order at 11:26am

Opening Prayer by Pastor Kelly

Minutes from May 19, 2024: Motion to accept 1<sup>st</sup> by Linda Vogler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beth Sanford; minutes accepted unanimously

Treasurer's Report

Noteworthy updates:

\$15,000 donation to building fund provided \$3,900 to return funds to trust for school house flooring

\$1,300 interest

\$270.90 Deacon's Upper Room Subscription

Pension fund for paster: fund caught up for past 3 months, provides reasoning for increase in report

Historian Fund: used funds to frame maps; using leftover funds from 2023

Building Funds: pending donations received

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

Deacon's Report

Upper Room subscription sorted out and caught up on issues; Thank you, Jim Fennell

Home Communion: request to let Deacon's know of any requests

Building & Grounds

Fire alarm tested and passed, batteries replaced

Sanctuary light switch replaced

Key holder from AA meeting passed away and a new keyholder contact has been identified with Ed

Jim Fennell more publicity about outreach to recover groups (please check this comment)

**ACTION: Ed to check on lending/taking book library setup and check camera internet connectivity (Ed please check this comment)**

### Mission's Report

#### Thrift Shop

- 2 weeks running at time of meeting raised approx \$200
- Well received
- Kids clothes & vintage items

Would like to return \$400 back to General Fund

Lending/Taking Library: Cindi would like to place outside on granite

- Ed mentioned hardware already in place in granite
- PK mentioned due to bat deposits will need broom handy for sweeping

#### Christian Education

Huddle continued after Summer hiatus; young huddlers requested return

Moved Food, Faith & Fun nights over Summer; planned fall adult activities and passport style activity coming soon

### Flower Report

Rose for Janice Tundravi on 9/15/24

Fall Décor discussion: Total Landscape increased cost for fall décor from approx \$29 to \$44; determined not to proceed for value

Poinsettia Discussion: Jim Fennell brought forth suggestion for purchase of poinsettia, North Attleboro Friends of Music is selling poinsettias and determined that church will purchase 10-12 (please check this comment) from this fundraiser, Delivery is expected Dec 7-8 timeframe

### Fundraising

No September yard sale

Items pending to saves

Suppers: Ed has made calls, last supper 42 seated, 14 take out + volunteers

Tues 9/17 planned to purchase food

(3) young student volunteers to help at super; these students have also completed work for Ed @ \$10/hour

Kait acted as host with help from Pat and Tom

Ed's recovery from hip surgery has created challenges

Lag in response for reservations can cause extra concern

Calls have learned of guests' deaths

Next Supper: October 19, 6pm seating, suppers in 2025 will move to 5pm seating

### Thrift Shop

Fair info shared/requested at Thrift Shop

2<sup>nd</sup> hand shop information shared on multiple social media groups by ed

Posted on Instagram by Emma Vogler

Linda Crompton donates lead crystal item

Tammy England donated bells

Expect weekly announcement for fair items

Missions is grateful for Thrift Shop

Last Fair meeting sentiment of gratitude for all activity related to the fair

### Online Sales

On average every month online sales by Ed are made, facebook marketplace & other sites

Deacon tables sold and buyer was very grateful

Volunteers from high school could be used for suppers, fairs, thrift shop; church will reimburse students for Serve Safe training if completed

### Music

Oldtown Come & Sing more sporadic in schedule and well attended

Met with Pastor Kelly to plan music up to advent

Organ & Piano maintenance, Ellen Kingman practicing with organ  
Bell ringing after song announcement expected at worship  
St. Mark's gifted an organ, family donation approx \$40K, cost \$4K to move it  
Central Congregation—new interim minister  
Ezra Walker's home is for sale down the street  
Stewarship  
Upper Room subscription resolved  
Move Night Schedule to be determined, need backup to move night  
Historian  
Standing shelving unit for creches & silver sets  
Carolyn to have Todd Family punch bowl and cups brought to the church

#### Pastor's News

Few calls about renting space  
Organization that collects infant to 5T  
Pastor Kelly to share organization's details with Pat Sanford  
Cleaning Station in Maxcy Hall: broom & dustpan, paper towels, cleaner spray & wipes  
New Social Media Manager for Instagram and Facebook role filled by Emma Vogler announced  
Deanne Bellinger as Vice Moderator plans to transition to Moderator  
Wellness Issues within congregation: Prayer for Ill/ailing parishioners: Lynn Ross, Dave Fontaine  
Lots of New Guests/Visitors: encourage Old Town welcome, Carol Baker a former minister has been attending service, great energy from guests  
13-14 attendees @ Thursday Faith Activity  
Peter Granville will sponsor BIG SANDWICH Sunday in November, scheduled for November 17  
Assignment at luncheon to write/establish an Oldtown Welcome statement

Linda to send around CE Mission statement

Closing Prayer

Meeting Adjourned at 1pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Vogler

Clerk