

Oldtown Church Committee Meeting Minutes, September 15, 2024

Attendees:

Cindi Barkley, Deanne Bellinger, Carolyn Chretien, 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 1st by Linda Vogler, 2nd 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 pastor: 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 1st by Linda Vogler, 2nd 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 discussed more publicity about outreach to recover groups

Regarding camera, Ed confirmed via email that he cleaned the security camera, and determined that the optics are weathered and worn. Recommend we replace the security camera. Replacement to be decided.

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
- Pastor Kelly mentioned due to bat deposits will need broom handy for sweeping
- Ed confirmed via email that he has assembled, installed and secured the lending box in front of the church.

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 from this fundraiser, Delivery is expected Dec 7-8 timeframe

Fundraising

No September yard sale

Items pending to Savers

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

2nd 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

Stewardship

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 for 2025

Wellness Issues within congregation: Prayer for Ill/ailing parishioners: Lynn Ross, Dave Fontaine

Lots of New Guests/Visitors: encourage Old Town welcome, Pastor Carol Baker from Central Cong—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

Closing Prayer

Meeting Adjourned at 1pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Vogler

Clerk