

First Parish Church Council June 19, 2019

Attendees: John Bartel-Member at Large, Fred Merrill-Moderator, Anne Engelhardt-Assistant Moderator, Dee Deranian-Facilities, Beth Hunter-Missions, Carol Guerrin-Personnel, Cynthia Gray-Clerk, Sue Lindemann-Diaconate, Becky Fleury-Treasurer, Ed Sullivan-CE, Margie Ives-Stewardship, Reni Harnden-Member at Large, Cathy Pottle-Member at Large, Pastor Deborah Roof

Absent: Ryan Lehoullier, Anne Marie Merrill

Guests: Paul Lindemann

Opening Prayer: Pastor Deborah

Meeting Minutes: Review Minutes of May 15, 2019 Accepted by unanimous vote.

Task Force: Good first meeting reported.

Action item: Continue rollout. Schedule another meeting. Put something in the Newsletter for increased awareness and to solicit comments.

Personnel: Carol reported that they have selected Joan Virga as the combined choir director and accompanist. She has signed a 6 month contract from July 1 to December 31 of this year. She will be paid \$16,500 per year. There was discussion as to making line item adjustments for what seems to be savings. See Financials

Financials: Becky proposed line item adjustment to move \$200 of the proposed savings to special musicians line and to \$200 to increase for substitutes. Carol made the formal motion and Beth seconded. Unanimous vote.

The Financial Statements were presented. We have a negative balance of \$12,392 as of May 31. Pledge and plate donations are down.

Action item: Adapt the June 9 presentations to circulate in the next newsletter to encourage donations. Pat Crowell to send out mid year statements.

We must pay \$800 for psych evaluations for our members in discernment, Debbie Gline Allen and Diana Sweeney. The full exam price is \$1200 per person. The church pays $\frac{1}{3}$, the individual pays $\frac{1}{3}$ and the Rockingham Association pays $\frac{1}{3}$. There were some suggestions where we may get the money including Bachelder fund, Deacons or some monies from Chet Ham's memorial fund.

Action item: Becky to report back next month where these funds will come from.

Credit card and electronic processing update by Becky that Square looks manageable. The card reader is free.

Action item: Becky to continue to pursue.

Bylaws review: Anne Engelhardt reported that the Committee met June 11 and the next meeting is June 20; they have had scheduling issues. The Council by laws changes need to be more formalized.

Action item: Fred to re-write more definitive form for Council

Rehab Update: Paul gave us updates: 300th Civil War Encampment held June 15 was very positive. Friends gave tours through the meeting house. There will be informational booth at Londonderry Old Home Days in August. No news from Friends fundraising. On June 9 there were about 25 people present for the presentation with a few going on tours after. The weathervane is completed, hopefully the steeple raising will be June 25, weather permitted. The next phase will be to address the interior problems including a scaffolding so far quoted out as \$27,000. At that point they will need to move the pews and scrape and paint the ceiling and walls. There is still the asbestos in the floor to consider.

Action item: Continue to update.

Pastors Report: See enclosed report.

Shelly Aseltine has submitted paperwork to become a Member of Discernment. See attached. Motion by Cathy Pottle to agree to support her with second by Carol Guerrin. Unanimous vote.

Action item: Deacons to submit letter of support.

Deborah is looking for 3 or 4 people to assist with the Labyrinth. Cathy Pottle, Sue Lindemann and Reni Harnden volunteered.

IT update-none.

Action item: Ryan, Deborah and staff will put together a needs list.
NH Conference representation needed from FPC.

Action item: Put on next month's agenda.

Campaign Campaign: Presentation was held on June 9 and the content was found to be very enlightening. We need to formulate a plan to find an additional million dollars to finish the overall project.

Action Item: Paul to get firm amounts for updates to present to the congregation. Anne Marie (in absentia), Fred, Beth and Cyndi volunteered to meet again to suggest ways to meet the needs.

Round Table: John Bartel is resigning as he is moving to Florida within the month. He will be sorely missed.

Sue Lindemann thanked everyone for the “chairs” project.

Beth apologized on behalf of Missions for the confusion surrounding Jack Kennedy’s discussion that needed to be rescheduled to August.

Ed Sullivan reminded everyone that Vacation Bible School is July 15-18.

He also reminded us that we needed shooter training in conjunction with a Safe Church. Acknowledges that we need to make sure we have committee members interested in this and will check with Christine Lehoullier/Katie Cobban on progress. June 30 there will be a Prayground for children. CE and Deacons are facilitating this new concept.

Dee Deranian reminds us there will be a new cleaning service beginning July 1.

Cathy Pottle telling us that there are already people asking about the Christmas Fair.

Margie Ives informs that Sonshine Soup Kitchen is hosting a golf tournament at Hidden Valley and hope to raise \$28,000.

Last Sunday we lost electricity around 5:00 pm and it was not discovered until the next morning. It appears there was a lightning strike on a pole on Cemetery Road which Eversource promptly fixed.

Talent Show is June 23 from 3-5.

Paul Lindemann voiced concerns that there is a general lack of enthusiasm within the church for projects.

July 8 will be the annual audit with the Finance Committee.

Closing at 9:00 with prayer by Deborah.

Next Meeting: July 17, 2019 7:00 pm