

June Council Meeting: Board and Committee Reports

Deacons (Bruce S.):

- Completed Activities
 - The six-month review specified in the call agreement with Rev. Kevin was completed. The review was quite positive and all parties were satisfied with the review process.
- Continuing Activities
 - Discussion of Parish Care models continues.
 - Service Technology
 - We are still in need of (non-Deacon) volunteers to assist with the technology for recording and posting services for those are unable to attend services in person. We need at least one more person for recording with our camera and at least two more people to volunteer to assist with the software editing and posting.
 - The video camera will provide us with excellent video, but we are still working on improving audio by connecting the amplifier directly to the camera either with a long cable or a wireless device. That investigation is continuing.
- Upcoming Activities
 - Deacons are exploring ideas for getting small groups together to meet with Rev Kevin and Toby in informal social settings.

Trustees (Carl W.):

- Church Repairs – Preservation CT Grant – Our application to Preservation CT for a grant of \$15,000 was submitted 5/15. We expect to hear a decision regarding approval during the second half of June. The exact work to be done will depend on whether or not the grant is approved and the availability of contractors (especially painters). We also anticipate going to the congregation during June to raise matching funds.
- Refrigerator – Charles Bottieri has purchased a True T-49-H refrigerator through Gillette Restaurant Equipment, Inc. of Brookfield, MA for the main kitchen. Delivery and installation is scheduled for June 9th. Gillette will handle the disposal of the non-functioning refrigerator.
- The Community Kitchen team has graciously approved use of funds from the Community Kitchen restricted funds for stripping and waxing the floor in the main kitchen and storage room. This work will be done by Squeaky Clean during June.
- We are investigating much overdue maintenance work for the parsonage. This includes power-washing the windows and painting the front exterior.
- We continue to keep an eye on pledge income which is running below budget through May. Analysis of pledges indicates that timing of several large pledges is a factor. On the income upside is the PPP loan that we received and the potential for over-budget special fundraising.

Outreach (Jenn D.):

- Soup for the Soul initiative – Beginning to work out details of possible partnership with Putnam Housing Authority to deliver monthly soup to residents of New Roxbury Village in Woodstock, a 24-unit community of low income and disabled residents. Possible pilot run in August.
- Woodstock Lions Club “Plant a Row” initiative is underway. Collection sights are FCCW, East Woodstock Congregational, South Woodstock Baptist Church, and Church of the Good Shepard. Bin collections on Wednesdays and Sundays begin June 5th. As of June 2nd, we had not received bins.
- Faith in Action article – Lynn Davis created form and wrote 1st article in June Share. Second article for July/August Share will be written by Ginny Moylan about her work with Sober House.
- July/August collection will once again focus on “Back to School” items (backpacks, school supplies) for TEEG. We will continue to partner with East Congregational Church.
- Hunger Action – developing a series of group book discussions around Five Loaves, Two Fish, Twelve Volunteers by Elizabeth Mae Magill. Final group discussion will be with the author. Looking at November time frame.

Stewardship (Paula):

- The Stewardship Committee has been meeting regularly since May 8th. We have shared a schedule of activities through 2021 which we will update this week.
- We have consensus on a theme that we should be able to share next report.
- We published a communication in the June Share seeking a 4th member and will do so again in August.
- We will seek to follow a similar schedule that allows us to have a Pledge Sunday mid-October with an initial report of pledge activity in early-mid November.
- Pledge activity is on pace to be close to the budgeted amount for 2021.

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