

First Congregational Church of Woodstock

MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

In attendance: Rev. Dr. Kevin Downer, Jim Nowak (Moderator), Laura Bond, Charles Bottieri, Jennifer Duggan, Tom Duggan, Bob Kirk, Debby Kirk, Bruce Lyman, Christina Manuilow, Leilani Nixon, Kathy Packard, Debra Pallatto-Fontaine, Rick Singh, Tom Singleton, Bruce Staehle, Paula Wilmot

Welcome

- Moderator Jim Nowak opened the meeting at 7:02 pm.

Opening Devotion

- Rev. Kevin shared Hebrews 10:20-25 (from The Inclusive Bible) and a quote from Mark Nepo's The Book of Awakening: "To journey without being changed is to be a nomad. To change without journeying is to be a chameleon. To journey and be transformed by the journey is to be a pilgrim."

Clerk's Report (Laura B)

- Minutes of last month's meeting were shared via email. No amendments or corrections were suggested.
- MOTION: to accept the clerk's report as written. Charles B/2nd Tom S. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report (Tom D)

- Pledges were high in January which is typical.
- Expenses include the insurance premium payment.
- The Communications Coordinator salary is high for January due to a payroll carryover from the end of last year.
- The Treasurer's report is accepted as presented.

Pastor's Report (Rev. Kevin D)

- Full report can be viewed on our website.
- Please read the Pastor's report for review of how teams come together: Forming, Storming, Norming, Performing and Adjourning.
- The next issue of Share will only cover February. Subsequent issues will be March/April, May/June and July/August.
- 2nd Hour on Jan.30th with Rev. Emma Brewer-Wallin was very informative and inspiring. Please read the notes in the Pastor's report if you missed it.
- The Restructuring and the Vision & Values teams are getting started this month.
- Search for a Faith Formation leader needs to be organized.
 - Need 2 or 3 people to work with Rev. Keven to define job description, publish the opening, prescreen candidates, and then interview.
 - Put a notice in Share and the weekly newsletters to ask for volunteers.

- Deb K. will provide resources to the committee.

News Briefs

- Fire Alarm System - Bruce L. notes that the fire alarm is off-line awaiting repairs, therefore he has turned off many of the electrical circuits in the kitchen to reduce fire hazard. Charles B. (Senior Trustee) notes that a new alarm panel is scheduled to be installed this Friday, Feb. 11th. (see Trustees report.)
- Jim Nowak received an email from our Music Director, Maria Sangiolo. She is planning to present two concerts at our church, to be shared with the wider community, on Feb. 20th & Mar. 20th. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to TEEG.
- Outreach (Jen D) - The link in SHARE for the book discussions erroneously goes to the Italian Dinner. The link in the weekly emails is working correctly.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Nominating Committee (Deb K): No new nominees, suggestions are welcome.
- Italian Dinner (Charles B): March 12th, will be drive-thru pick-up only. Online pre-order is preferred.

Meeting Adjourned @7:42pm

Closing Prayer: Jim Nowak

Scribe: Laura Bond