

PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING (In Person)

March 20, 2024

Present: Lois Aldrich, Stephen Larrett, Jeff Giddings, Viola Fairweather (Chair), Rev. Peter Connolly

Absent: Jim Bonnar, Marc MacQueen

Meeting called to order by Vi Fairweather at 6:30 p.m.

Opening Words: Rev. Peter Connolly and the PC read the church's Mission Statement.

Go Around: Each PC member commented on which UU Principle(s) has the most meaning for them.

Consent Agenda

Minutes from the February 21, 2024, PC meeting accepted.

Reports

Minister's Report, RE Report, Music Report: Received and accepted.

Discussion regarding reports, which teams/committees should send and when.

If nothing to report, committee/team lead should state so in report. It would be helpful to have a report from the Finance Committee, which encompasses many fiscal categories. The PC agreed committees/teams need to have a better understanding of report expectations. Plan to address this as part of the Organizational Chart review at next governance meeting (April 3).

Discussion Agenda

The PC has approved the proposed budget for 2024-25. Jeff Giddings reported that the pledge drive is off to a very good start but may not be sufficient to cover all expenses. There may be a shortfall this year of ~\$8,000, possibly more if all pledges do not come in.

Music Committee: The Music Committee has been working hard at coordinating a Jazz Concert to be held on April 6. There will be "outside" performers. This event could raise funds for the church, but fundraising is not the primary goal. Similar events have been very well attended in the past.

Social Justice Team (SJT)

Peace Pole Proposal: Lois Aldrich had emailed the PC a proposal for the Rotary Club to install a Peace Pole on the Church lawn in the coming months. The PC agreed to the proposal. It is unclear at this time when and where it will be installed on the church lawn. The SJT will work with the PC, Building & Grounds, and Public Relations to determine the location.

Mention was also made of the "Little Library" box that the Rotary installed on the front lawn. Not clear who in the church is responsible to install/remove books or fix the box if there is a problem. The box has flooded on occasion and is difficult to open. Lois will check with the SJT for more information.

Narcan Training: Lois asked the PC to approve a request for the SJT to coordinate an opioid training with Middleboro Matters. This would involve teaching those in attendance to administer Narcan, which the church would need to keep on site. Training would most likely not happen before June. The PC agreed to the training. After the training, supplies, including Narcan, would need to be stored in a safe, secure place with access limited. Question raised as to whether or not the Church has a first aid kit and, if so, where it is stored. The PC also suggested publicizing the training in the church newsletter and UU Updates.

Policies and Procedures Folder # 2: Vi Fairweather reviewed policies and procedures for the Parish Committee/Governance and took comments from the PC. The PC agreed a quorum policy needs to be added, and quorum should be a % not a number. Policy for UU Updates will be transferred to Communications category. Vi will revise current policies to reflect comments.

Rev. Peter Connolly will ask Dan Hotchkiss to take down the old Mission Statement from WHO WE ARE section of the church website.

Minister's Agenda

Organizational Chart: Rev. Peter handed out drafts of the Organizational Chart he developed. The PC agreed to review at the next Governance Meeting, which will be April 3.

Closing: Vi asked each PC member to mention one good thing he/she will take away from our meeting.

Next Governance Meeting is April 3, 6:30 in the Parish Hall. Review of organizational chart and discussion of 2024-25 composition of the PC.

Next PC Meeting is April 17 at 6:30 p.m. (Virtual).

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by *Lois Aldrich*