

Council Meeting – April 5, 2021

Attendees:

Rev Bernard
Rev Thomas Burke
Andrew Cumming
Mary Crawford
Walter McCullough
John Moran
Matt Carrothers
Steven Coursen
Jourdan Coursen
Woody Bliss
Bayard Dodge
Anne Troxell
Britta Lerner
Shivanthi Edwards

The Covenant was read, and Bernard opened us with a reading of Paul's letter to the Galatians.

Approval of minutes

Council made a motion to approve last meeting's minutes, it was approved with no changes.

Minister's Reports

High schoolers meet on Zoom, confirmation will be on May 2nd. Easter service on the lawn was well attended, Casey and Luke Lerner were instrumental in preparing for the service. The Good Friday service also went well, despite the cold temperature.

Stewardship

There has been a change in pledging units and pledge income. In 2017 we had 140 pledging units, in 2021 it is down to 104.

In 2020 we lost 13 pledging units, picked up 5 new who pledged over \$5K each. In 2021, we lost 3 families approximating a total of \$40K in pledges.

There was a general discussion about the uptick in real estate market and opportunities to attract new families.

Treasurer's Report

Nothing unusual to mention. The PPP loan came through for Norfield.

Administrator's Report

Grounds are looking beautiful. We will need help to mulch.

Trustees

The HVAC project was approved, cost is under \$12K. Thanks to Bernard's efforts, we had 4 donors provide the funds.

Reimagine Norfield

Council made a motion and seconded to continue to meet online and outdoors, weather permitting. This will be pending changes following CDC guidelines to open up rest of campus under the Administrator's leadership.

The High School would like to use the Parish Hall to administer AP exams the week of May 4th, it was approved by Council.

General discussion of liability when hosting outside parties on campus.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Debbie Carrothers introduced in detail the prospect of having a VBS at Norfield. There was a discussion of the budget to run such a program, unanimous among Council members to provide necessary funding.

Outreach Board

Norfield is collaborating with the Town of Weston for the 1-year anniversary of George Floyd's killing. Bernard brought up a discussion about Norfield engaging in Racial Justice issues. He encouraged Council to have a separate discussion on this topic.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Shivanthi Edwards

