

Council Meeting – December 7, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm

Attendees:

Mary Crawford

Rev Bernard

Rev Thomas

Andrew Cummings

Britta Lerner

Eric Braun

Bayard Dodge

Calvin Mew

John Moran

Walter McCullough

Anne Troxell

Dave Lummis

Mary Peniston

Taffy Miller

Tara Quist

Shivanthi Edwards

We read the church covenant and Thomas led us in an opening devotional and prayer from Psalm 124.

Minutes of last month's meeting were approved and seconded.

Minister's Report

Confirmation is going well, there will be a food drive between now and advent. Thomas is happy to report that he is now an active member of the WVFD.

Stewardship

Current pledges for next year are at \$250K, this is coming from about 50 pledges. We still need to encourage more to make a commitment to pledge. The final number may be lower than last year.

Treasurer's Report

Norfield may set up a reserve for the \$75k PPP grant. Expenses were overall less than last year across all boards.

Administrator's Report

Thanks to the help of volunteers, the church grounds look good for the holidays. Calvin thanked Andrew for all his good work.

Apartment Project

Bayard, with input from a select committee, developed an interim report. The biggest unknown is construction cost, especially installation of sprinkler systems. Trustees will meet again and make a recommendation to Council.

Reimagine Norfield

Due to the weather, lawn services have been suspended, the Council is of different minds how we are to gather safely. We will, however, have an outdoor Christmas eve service.

Apart from the Catholic church, all houses of worship in Weston are all online.

In lieu of meeting in-person, Fellowship and CE have organized creative ways of staying connected.

Sippin Energy provided a quote of \$12K for an air circulation system. We determined that multiple quotes were not necessary as Sippin was competitive and would provide the best price.

Racial Justice Ministry

One cohort has successfully completed the program. Praises all around for this new initiative, Bernard thanked Outreach for their leadership and would like to see the journey continued.

CE

Anne lifted up the committee for all their hard work and support, they have monthly touchpoints.

Nominating

As discussed at the last Council meeting, an amendment to freeze or extend everyone's board term by 1 year was brought to Council. Walter helped draft the amendment, 2/3 of Council needs to approve any exceptions. After much discussion and clarity, Council voted, and it was seconded.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Shivanthi Edwards