

Council Meeting – June 1, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm

Attendees:

Rev Bernard

Pastor Thomas

Mary Crawford

Walter McCullough

Dave Lummis

Calvin Mew

Mary Peniston

Bayard Dodge

Eric Braun

John Moran

Andrew Cummings

Taffy Miller

Anne Troxell

Jordan Coursen

Tara Quist

Shivanthi Edwards

The covenant was read, Thomas opened with a devotional on Isaiah 58.

A motion was made to approve the last Council minutes, it was approved and seconded.

Minister's Report

Pastor Thomas emphasized the various ways the church was staying connected, including reaching out to high schoolers, confirmands and mission trip participants.

Stewardship

Pledges YTD through April and May seem on par with last year's figures. So far, we are meeting the target of pledges being fulfilled.

Treasurer's Report

YTD April total revenue was \$344K, expenses was \$233K. In May, we spent \$29K less than last year.

Norfield Reimagined

Mary extended her thanks to all the boards for their valuable input. The decision is one made by Council; the decision was unanimous across all the boards that there would be no in-person church till at least September. Three main themes emerged:

- Services in the sanctuary should not begin before September; a start date should be made based on safety for all.
- Any in-person activities, especially holding services in the sanctuary, requires careful attention to best public health practices.
- There are many things we are doing and can do virtually (as well as some potential small group activities) that are sustaining and can strengthen our church community

Council will regroup in July and August to revisit the above decisions.

There was a discussion among Council members about the safety of individuals visiting the church/sanctuary office. It is encouraged that instead they pray quietly either in the Memorial garden or in another quiet spot around the church grounds (obeying social distancing rules).

Addressing social injustice

Norfield's Outreach/Social Action board will take the initiative to form a ministry team to turn our outrage into action.

The Weston Police department has called a meeting of town leaders, they have asked the faith committee for direction.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted by Shivanthi Edwards