

Council Meeting – October 5, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:35pm.

Attendees:

Rev Bernard

Dave Lummis

Tara Quist

Calvin Mew

Mary Crawford

Jordan Coursen

Kurt Schreder

Anne Troxell

John Moran

Walter McCullough

Bayard Dodge

Andrew Cummings

Shivanthi Edwards

The church covenant was read, and Thomas offered a devotional about relationships.

Last month's meeting minutes were approved, thank you Walter for filling in.

Minister's Report

Parent's confirmation meeting was hosted (thank you to Andrew for all his help with logistics). There are about 9 students this year. Bernard appreciates Thomas and Penny's leadership with the youth.

Some Norfielders are struggling both with financial and health issues.

Bernard invited everyone to visit the Mike Tine room, Matt Schreder did a fantastic job with his Eagle Scout project.

Stewardship

Campaign is about to begin, a letter from Bernard and Thomas will be sent to the congregation with a follow up from Dave and Jourden. Announcements will be made at the services, with phone calls. Calvin suggested we add a note about the church's financial situation so there is more transparency.

Treasurer's Report

Pledge collections were weaker in September (down by 24K). HR expenses is tracking against budget. Non-HR is 25% below the budget, there were savings on CE, music and maintenance. Andrew noted that there were no major expenses recently – may be due to less usage of overall church facilities.

50K was transferred from the UCF fund to operating cash.

Andrew's Report

Pivot and volunteers did a great job clearing the church grounds. Grounds look good, parking lot needs attention though.

Norfield Reimagined

Discussion about how we handle services once weather changes.

Bernard does not believe we should talk about going indoors unless we have a vaccine. If anyone contracts the virus as a result of a service, it will not look good for Norfield. Bayard agreed with Bernard.

What is the comfort level of the staff?

All agreed it was important to keep the congregation abreast of future service plans. It will be something we will decide on a month to month basis.

CE Update

Kick-off will be this Sunday at 9AM.

Fellowship

Laura Smits stepped in to help Anne. They are just getting back into the swing of things.

Trustees

Andrew was commended for monitoring the buildings and grounds. There are no capital projects in the works.

Council went into executive session.

Respectfully submitted by Shivanthi Edwards