

Dudley First Congregational UCC
Council Meeting
October 9, 2019

Attendees: Pastor John, Bob Kersting, Amy Leary, Peggy Collins, Elaine Barthelmes, Stasia Beach, Chris Mayen, Tim Horgan, Sharon Gryzb Murphy, Bob Pederson, Sue Mix, Bill Pederson, Karen Pepka, Carol Shelsy and Heather Bowes

Begin: 7:09 pm

Pastor John opened with prayer

Clerk's Report: Minutes from the September meeting reviewed and accepted as amended.

Pastor's Report

- PJ had an unexpected delightful visit from Reverend Truman Stehr, the settled pastor who preceded him.
- Gratitude project starts on Sunday and will occur every 2nd Sunday of the month and will be held at the Rose Room.
- In November, the church will honor Veterans. On November 10th, Sandra Smith will be presenting Quilts of Valor to selected Veterans. On November 17th the Arts committee will be holding their Stew & Story, all proceeds will go to Nick House, a 5-bedroom single family home near Harrington Hospital in Southbridge that temporarily houses Veterans who are transitioning back to civilian life.

Christian ED

- 3rd grade Bibles were handed out to three students on September 29th
- Sunday school kids will be creating cards for the 6 Veterans being honored
- Sue discussed the idea of having a prayer partner

Deacons

- Adding rainbow signage somewhere in the sanctuary was discussed. Additional information will be brought to the next Council meeting.
- There are some talks about adding a rainbow signage somewhere outside, the council suggests checking-in with the Trustee committee members first.

Trustee Report

- Discussions started on possible electric roof (7,500) or hire a snow removal company should we have a bad winter season
- Tower cleaning ongoing
- Lawn mower repairs
- Boiler in process, thermostats are programming accordingly

- To move forward with the AT&T tower, AT&T needs to get permissions through the FAA and Dudley Historical committee. This is likely to take place early in the spring.

Collectors report

(See report on file)

Treasurers Report

Out of State can't report

Finance

(See report on file)

Other reports:

Long Range Planning

Meeting to start-up again, discussions on next steps and By-Laws

Adhoc By-Laws committee with a sunset in sight

- Bob K. & Bob P. to meet soon and review Bylaws, they will then come to council with proposed basic procedure and organizational changes to our committee meetings. Thoughts of creating a new committee (with a sunset in sight) was brought to the table as well as possible LRP members who would like to participate in this process.
 - Motion that we create a committee with the charge of reviewing the bylaws and bring back to committee membership, by June. Motion moved, seconded and passed.

Delegate

- Annual conference coming up on November 1st & 2nd. Pastor John, 2 delegates, and a Board member will attend. This meeting is a historical one as it will now officially be voted in as the Southern New England conference (RI, CT, and MA).

LBS

- Ladies will be having a Halloween party tomorrow.

Safety

- Held a successful evacuation drill on September 22nd

Adjourned: 8:09