

Clinton Heights UCC May Council Meeting 5/25/2021

Attendance: Max Martin, Barbara Toll, Cindy Miller, Julie Kirk, Tina Koonz, Nicole Forth, Tom Poole (all via Zoom meeting)

Opening Prayer at 7:00 PM

Secretary/Minutes: Approved with one change regarding the membership list - it had been decided by council that no changes would be made to the list in 2021.

Treasurer: Approved.

Financial Secretary: Blue box is low (~\$40 vs ~\$90). Approved.

Deacons: May 12 meeting - Balance of over \$2k, after the missions are paid for 2021. Wondering if some surplus should go to "Our Church's Wider Mission" (OCWM). Plan on opening the church for in-person worship on June 6 - that will be communion Sunday. Plate and cup for minister, but everybody else will be doing baggies "dry". No liquids. Bring your own baggie. This was before NYS guidance changed.

Baptisms were done and went well on 5/23. Firepit reflections on 5/19. Decorated the sanctuary on 5/19.

Trying to get the deacons' bank account straightened out. Matt can't physically go to the bank for health reasons, and Bruce is not on the account. They would not work with Bruce at the bank, including telling him who were the named account holders. They want an "official minutes" - the deacons are familiar with this process and have done it before.

Had discussion on graduates and gifts this year. Planning to do something during an upcoming worship service.

No worship assistants for the summer unless a decision is made to change COVID worship procedures.

Pastor: Anti-discrimination presentation with conference - met for 1.5 hours and it wasn't enough. Meeting again on 5/26.

Reopened for worship - had some issues with microphone feedback this past weekend but came up with a fix after worship. Will need to check more equipment coming up. Has worked fairly well so far.

Firepit gathering - a handful of people showed up. One of the ideas that came up during the firepit gathering - maybe doing a movie night at the church? Will be talking about it with the deacons. Have most of the stuff to do it. There is a projector at the church.

Mrs. Pearce has decided that story time will be taking a break for the summer.

Completed boundary awareness refresher training, an annual training. Had a chance to meet with Suzy to talk about Sam's memorial service. Planning for September. Suzy is doing well and is grateful for all the condolences.

Sabbatical - working on supply for last 3 weeks of August. Has reached out to a few people but wants to get it locked down and set before too long, and will reach out to Ed, who was willing to cover anything we gave him. Deacons (Bruce and Elaine) have agreed to do the email communication while Barb is out.

Sent out the COVID "best practices" email from UCCNY - encouraging people to sign up for that email.

Music director ad - in The Advertiser. The ad salesman talked Barb into 2 weeks of advertising the position. She is hoping that the council will agree to pay for the 2 weeks instead of 1. Not sure if we've gotten any feedback. If the Advertiser doesn't get any hits then we might want to change over to the TU.

Property

Mowing - appear to have a bent mower blade. Carl is bringing it to be repaired.

Moles and landscaping - needs to be taken care of. Max is researching.

No contact with Joe Daddy and Family Danz - Max will take care of this coming week.

Still waiting on the window repair for the new doors.

Old Business

Paying Rachel - sending her a check once a month. Barb says it looks like she'll generally send all 4 songs at the end of the month.

How do we take care of Rachel's songs? Some tech person will be playing them for Ed. Rachel will send them to Max and still get paid if she wishes to record anything.

New Business

Payment for Supply Ministers - Paying the supply minister for the whole month that he was there, one check for the month rather than one check per week. Pay them once, at the end or beginning.

Blue Box - some dumping occurred, and the stuff disappeared. There was a discussion about moving the blue box to the upper parking lot. Discussion will be tabled until Julie has a chance to call the Blue Box people and find out whether they took the stuff, or whether another citizen took it.

Next meeting: Planned for June 22th at 7pm, continuing on Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM