

**Dunbar United Church of Christ - Minutes of Council Meeting
February 19, 2014**

Dale Long called the meeting to order at 7:35pm, February 19, 2014.

Attendees Present:

Jim Arseniadis , Nancy Braen, Bruce Detmers, Ted Endriss, Paul Furgalack, Jeff Hamilton, Sandy Kops, Cindy Long, Dale Long, George Manukas, Meg Nowacki, Tom Parlipiano

Pastor's Report

- Norm Bendroth will be giving his talk on March 29.
- Maria will bring leftover bread and rolls from the bakery to be given to St. Ann's Soup Kitchen or the Food Bank approximately once a week.
- George met with Leslie Jacques. Jordan is having complications - infections and seizures. The doctors are talking about amputating his leg. He is still in the hospital in Boston. Paul also has another infection.
- Barbara Walters is doing good, getting exercise and hopefully coming home soon.
- Barbara Hogan is getting out to church and her doctor's offices.
- George will be meeting with the interim pastor at Spring Glen Church on Friday, February 21.
- Ash Wednesday is at Spring Glen Church on March 5.
- George will be attending two centering prayer retreats. The first is just a weekend and the second is a full week in Pennsylvania.
- Tom Caruso will be leading the service Sunday, February 23. Cindy Long will lead the Saturday service.
- Ian Skoggard will lead the service while George is away in Pennsylvania.
- Mimi and Vivian would like to have their wedding the last Saturday in June.
- Saturday services will end after the church picnic at the end of the school year.
- Bible study will end June 30.

Treasurer's Report

- We still have money.
- We received an oil delivery in January.

Trustees' Report

- Trustees identified capital projects and are in the process of prioritizing. They plan to present something at the March council meeting. The congregation will be involved in the prioritization.
- Thermostats need to be moved to inside walls. Their current position on outside walls causes the temperature to be off.
- One of the circular pumps in the boilers is leaking.
- The stove is fixed.
- The part to fix the dishwasher is hard to find.
- St. Patrick's Day Dinner will be March 15. Need help setting up and breaking down. The congregation is asked to bake brownies for dessert. A portion of the profits will go to the Hamden Food Bank.

Deacon's Report

- The Deacons are going to try to have coffee hour upstairs on Sunday, February 23 so that those who have trouble getting down the stairs can participate.

Christian Education Report

- On Saturday, March 8, the K-3 group will be going to see the Berenstain Bears at the Ridgefield Playhouse.
- The 4-8 group will be going to Flight Trampoline on a date yet to be decided.
- CE would like to host a family movie night some Friday night in either March or April.
- CE would like the children to start seedlings soon so that they can be planted in the garden in May. Extra seedlings will be sold to the congregation. They would also like to split some of the perennials (like the Hosta) and sell them to the congregation.
- CE would like the confirmation class to perform some community service such as working in the food bank or serving at the soup kitchen.

Missions and Concerns

- Missions is giving Al Via money to buy food for the soup kitchen.
- Missions will help with setup and breakdown at the St. Patrick's Day Dinner.

Committee Reports

Chancel

- Sandy will be out as of 4/1/14. Deacons will take over (most likely Betsey).

Historical

- Paul found some old films of the building of the church and the mortgage burning. He is going to go to Milford Camera to see how much it will cost to transfer the film to DVD.

Nominating

- We need one more trustee.

Electronic Media

- Working on sound mixing so that George can be heard better on the DVD.
- Looking into a wireless mic for George.

Investment

- Everything looks good.

Memorial Gifts

- Meg took \$100 to go with \$370 to send two people to Silver Lake Camp.
- \$400 will go to CE for the Berenstain Bear trip.

Publicity

- In transition.

Old Business

- Norm Bendroth - 3/29
- Saturday clean up going very well. Next cleanup March 1st. Hopefully the Women's Fellowship closet.

New Business

- The new secretary, Andrea, will be keeping the following hours: MW - 6:00 - 7:30, Saturday 9-12. She will be on vacation February 27 - March 7.
- We will be changing the secretary's email address to secretary@dunbarchurch.com as soon as Nancy is available to set up the computer to handle both the old and new email addresses.
- H.O.P.E. Initiative will be present at the St. Patrick's Day dinner. They are looking into getting an event organized with the confirmation class, possibly the first week in June - a youth oriented food drive and picnic. They also would like to purchase gift cards to grocery stores with the money set aside for the food bank so members of the congregation can more easily purchase food for the food bank. Also looking into ideas for Rally Day. A logo contest is being considered in coordination with Paier School of Art.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm

Next council meeting will be March 19, 2014, 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Braen, church clerk