

Minutes from Pilgrim Congregational Church Council Meeting

Tuesday 20 Oct 2020 19:15-20:15

Present (via Zoom)

Susan Carabbio, Mike Stevens, Pastor Reebee Girash, Bob Beckwith, Doug Johnson, Jeff Boehm, Ed Bond, Dick Edmiston, Mary Mackie, Marge Saradjian, Dave McClave, Nick Zorn

Discussion RE: 2020-09-15 Council Meeting minutes

- Change "buded" to "budget" on page 2 – thanks Marge!
- Motion to approve the minutes was made, then approved

Dave's Treasurer's report

- SBA came out with some changes where up to \$50k loans now have an easier application process re: payroll coverage minimums etc.
- Once the application is submitted, a bank has 60 days to submit to the SBA, and the SBA has 90 days to respond with the percentage forgiven
- We have not actually submitted the application for forgiveness yet, but Susan is working it and will submit it at the appropriate time

Pumpkin patch

- Lots of sales this past weekend (>\$1500), ~\$400 yesterday, and today saw its first PayPal payment for a pumpkin!!
- No kids' shirts left; t-shirts are going like hotcakes!
- Reebee: seeing all the volunteers at the Pumpkin Patch, then some at the Crop Walk the next day, provided some much-needed feelings of "normalcy" in these days

Stewardship

- This is the first year we are rolling out the stewardship campaign fully online – an email recently went out with the narrative budget, letter, and online pledge form

- The online pledges go to Susan C. and Susan C. only
- Another “friendly-reminder” email will go out, according to the F&A committee last night
- Any way we can streamline and “go green” is great.
- Paper pledge forms can be sent on an as-requested basis; people can send Diane and/or Susan C. an email to request that
- Susan’s thought – as we get closer to November, if we’re not seeing a lot of pledges come through, perhaps the Stewardship committee (David Nuss et al.) can start reaching out manually to some folks

Pastor’s Thoughts

- Ed, Susan, & Reebee have been talking about the postponement of Reebee’s installation (which has been postponed since March already); the latest idea is to do this as part of a Sunday worship service; Holly MillerShank is already coming to preach on Nov 22, so the current plan is to perform her installation then, during worship!
- Carleton College (Reebee’s undergrad alma mater) has a program called “externships” which take place over winter break; Reebee has been welcoming applicants for “externs”, and this year she has an applicant; the applicant would show up at some of the Zooms, join in on some of the committee meetings, etc.; the Council unanimously supports this idea
- The Outdoor Church is “sending” one of their pastors to us in early December (Dec 6?)
- Reebee has approached Jim Munkres to think about some sort of “modified greening” of the sanctuary sometime between Thanksgiving and Dec 5 (and also having church members light advent wreaths at home), and will need a few volunteers...
 - We could do it before Nov 29 (perhaps the 28th?) – Mike S. believes he can support that
 - Susan C. can also support the 28th and will send out an email to see if anyone else on Council can support
 - Dick asks, should we have a little bit of greening in the sun-room (a wreath and a few candle-lights)? Dave thinks the sunroom is a no-go, due to a renter that occupies Pilgrim Hall and needs to pass through the sun-room
 - Bob suggests we put the two sprays on the outside of the outer door
- Reebee suggests that we recruit some people to send poinsettias (or just a nice card “from your friends at Pilgrim Church”) to the elderly
 - Susan C. is concerned about possible restrictions on delivering such things to the elderly

- Reebee is familiar with how things are currently being brought to the Carlton Willard facility
- Susan C. asked if we can get a list of those folks together for general outreach like this

- Reebee encourages the Council to try to pay attention to those in our community who are inevitably going to be experiencing anxiety in the next few weeks/month, and try to be a source of warm, calm, welcome

Next meeting: Tue Nov 17 at 7:15 pm