

**First Church Congregational Council Meeting
October 26, 2021; 7:30 pm – Zoom**

In Attendance: Jim Muschett, David Spollett, Vanessa Rose, Patty Bilotto, Jacqueline Paige, Elisabeth Pavlofsky, Rita Skog, Craig Way, Carrie Curtin, Maria Ferrante, Heidi Butler

Jim Call to Order 7:36pm
David Invocation
Jim / Carrie Motion to accept minutes of the September 28th All Church Meeting. Patty Bilotto seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

Board Reports

- **Maria Ferrante gave an update about the Netflix filming**
 - 10/18 outdoor filming for 30 minute, went smoothly, cleaned up well, everything put back exactly where it was supposed to / collected check for \$15K in special fund / back on 12/1 and film all day inside / producer very happy
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- **David Spollett shared some of the Congregational response to “Reallocation of Space” letter** / receiving mostly positive responses, some unhappy emails or calls / most excited members are the some of the legacy members who remember when chapel was built
- **Vanessa Rose reported on the new Committee on planned sanctuary improvement and repair projects** / committee will include Joy Nazarro, Jane Barnes, Grant Winston, Chris Bilyard, Suzanne Minati-Lathbury (sp?) Peter Robinson, Melissa Hain, with input from PTM members LaNeil Brown, Frank Martignetti and Alex Ackley / committee first meeting going over condition survey on 11/2 / prioritize where most immediate needs / Dean Raddick re: music room and nursery as first priority
- **Jacque Paige provided an update from the Finance Committee.**
 - status of Rowland Road parsonage / back on market, buyer backed out / raised price
 - Budget less cleaning, store doing well
 - Reviewed bid for reinstalling Webb room doors
 - Jacque Paige made motion for installation for Webb Room doors not to exceed \$4800. Patty Bilotto seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.
 - Discussion: Jim Muschett does this fall under Vanessa’s committee? Furniture would be her committee this can move forward / not unless want to wait until January / we had already discussed / need tracks in floor / according to workers pricing and service will be better in winter than summer
 - Budgets due on October 31
- **Jim Muschett reported on the Personnel and Search Committee update on Pastoral discernment and cottage meetings.**
 - 18 cottage meeting hosting by 9 personnel board and interim committee / attended by over 100 people / +1 cottage meeting for pastoral team +1 cottage meeting by Andrew McKinnis for youth / discernment process will continue until next council meeting and will have recommendation
- **Craig Way reported on the Resource Managements Committee’s updates; status of electrical service upgrade and HVAC installation.**

- Electrical upgrade and HVAC installation / Huntington company will provide survey for electrical engineer for permitting drawings and bids / will get 3 bids from electricians / already ordered equipment so inhouse when time to install / pace is as expected / engineered drawings will be complete within 3-4 weeks once survey is completed
 - Jacque Paige: can you check that vents can go into children's chapel as walls are open?
- **Elisabeth Pavlofsky reported on the Stewardship campaign and Three Kings Bazaar (Dec 3) updates**
 - Outdoor festival plans on Friday 12/3 to coincide with Tree lighting, hot dogs, bake sale, children activities, Frank on music and caroling / help spread the word / potential for events in the spring for memorial day weekend and plant sale in April to take place of tag sale
 - Stewardship / thoughtful mailing / outdoors on 12/31 to celebrate with cider donuts / for next year maybe participate in Town Green Halloween activities / people want things to do
- **Jim Muschett reported for Wendy Williams-Brown about the Music Program's requests.**
 - Jim Muschett made a motion for use of up to \$15K from the Burnox Music Fund to be used to purchase a used baby grand piano when the right piano comes around. Jacque Paige seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
 - Rita Skog: Better find piano and then ask / try to preclude need for special vote when piano found
 - Upright in chapel listed for sale and will go into fund and back out
 - Music Board approved \$1300 for dolly transport for other pianos
 - Season brochure for music offering for 2022
 - Curtain approved over email and proceeding / will be in place by Christmas
- **Rita Skog reported on the upcoming Outreach Committee activities.**
 - Covenant of Care for Thanksgiving / grocery cards + gifts for Christmas / coat drive in November?
 - Nothing on Soup Kitchen Saints and Merton House
 - Running more through Weekly Word
 - Jacque Paige: reported on CONNECT
 - David speaking with Council of Churches / difficulty with staff under new leadership / board struggling with what to do / community partner would be significant loss
 - Update; Vanessa: Welcoming the Afghan family status update / John McGeehan submitted application / pending / lease and furnished apartment in Black Rock / forming task forces / IRIS is having training and background checks for people interfacing with family, you can listen to recording and take quiz if you want to have direct contact with family / its happening! / John to give update at a Sunday candle

New Business

- David: retirement party / lowkey, simple, family friendly, inexpensive for attendees / Sunday, June 5 (communion Sunday with June 12 as rain date) afternoon outdoor picnic with band, pig roast, comfort food, fun food, can be speakers but not dignitaries, colleagues and friends, for congregation
- High Road and Halloween Trick or Treat and bonfire with singing was success

Future Meetings

Last Tuesdays • Council

February 22 • All Church Finance Meeting

Vanessa Rose delivered the Benediction.

Jim Muschett adjourned the meeting.