KVCC Council Minutes Tuesday, November 19, 2019

* Those present: Pastor John Sampson, Karen Glass, Naj Wikoff, Lorraine Duval, Chris Blaicher, Annie Scavo, Tom Both, Linda LaBarge, Irma & Isaac Hernandez
* Karen called the meeting to order @ 5:05pm
* Opening prayer
* Naj motioned to approve Minutes from 10/22/2019, Chris seconded, all approved.
* Irma & Isaac were in attendance to ask for continued permission to use the church kitchen (NY Health Dept. approved) finishing prior to 9am on Sunday mornings. This would be once a month during this time of year, more often when necessary & every Sunday during the Farmers Market. Discussion was there haven’t been any issues in the past other than John getting hungry from the delicious aromas. Naj motioned to approve the continued use, Tom seconded, all approved.
* Pastors Report:
* Halloween went well. All this considering the big storm that evening. Next year more help could be used with setup, handouts, cleanup.
* Although no one accepted the offer of assistance for those in need from the Halloween flooding storm, which John issued from KVCC, the offer was appreciated by the community.
* Prayers for Peg Larose who’s had recent health issues.
* Vinny McClelland/food pantry was contacted with offer of assistance for Thanksgiving. He informed John that only 2 families are requesting assistance at this time so KVCC help not needed at this time.
* The Worship Committee will have a member attending Council meetings.
* One of the follow-ups from the Annual meeting is now including Council Minutes which are now posted on the KVCC website so everyone can be apprised of our concerns, discussions, reasonings with our decision making & visions for the church.
* The Office Tech installation has been done with Liz & Jimm currently working on a few kinks – *nothing major*.
* Dates for the Advent Season are shared with the council & will be posted on the KVCC website. In addition Pam Gothner created a banner for the front of the church for the community & those not on our email.
* 2020 Stewardship drive to start within the next week.
* No treasurer report
* Organ Update: Rob & Chris have been in touch with a potential donor. Karen verified there is no real organ committee at this time. $12,000 is in the church account for replacement. As from previous discussion Allen Organ Co. would like ½ $ down to proceed. Rob has been busy so they have not reached out to as many potential donors as they want…. Hoping to pitch as an end of the year tax deductible contribution would help their cause. Further discussion tabled until Chris has more information.
* Building & Grounds
* Tom reported Ingrid & outside projects done for the season.
* The Clock – Larry House & Verdon have come to the agreement a lift is not needed & that it is possible to dismantle from inside. Ron Hall will be the electrician for the project. It’s possible the clock may be shipped within the next 2 weeks.
* Front Entrance gutter needs to be fixed.
* Due to the weather Marcy will not be able to finish her work on the garage until spring.
* Tom will be asking Wes Whitney for a quote re-finishing the Manse tables.
* Mission & Social Action:
* Naj & Lorraine reported this seasons assistance will be to the following:
	+ - Pat Hickey’s drive for local families
		- Mothers Out Front
		- Schroon Lake Church rebuilding
		- Boarder/Immigrant related work *(Martha Gallagher planning to go to the Canadian Border & will report on current status)*
		- They also explained last Sunday’s meeting was well attended which included looking to develop an environmental social justice team. The group realized similar ideas were shared and there was a consensus this should become a separate taskforce committee from Mission & Social Action Lorraine suggested an outline for “Becoming a Creation Justice Church” with the emphasis on being “Faith Based”.
		- Further discussion upon forming this taskforce-committee will to include not just church members but to invite everyone within the community to participate helping investigate ways to align ecological goals with spiritual & ethical responsibilities.
		- Eventually our goals & efforts will lead to a submission of the UCC for official classification of becoming a “Creation Justice” Church.
		- Motion was made by Chris to create this taskforce, Linda seconded the motion, all approved.
* The Next Council meeting *will not take place on 12/24* instead the **Next Council Meeting** will be December/January Combo **Tuesday, January 14, 2020**
* Chris motioned to adjourn, meeting ended 6:30pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by Linda LaBarge