

## **KVCC COUNCIL Minutes for March 3, 2020**

**Council Members Present:** Pastor John Sampson, Karen Glass, Dre Roebuck, Tom Both, Jimm Collin, Elizabeth Davidson Derr, Charlotte Lichtenberg, Lorraine Duvall, Linda LaBarge, Linda Bogardus, and Deborah Mitchell.

**Non-Council Members Present:** Wendy Koehring

Karen called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

**Opening prayer** led by Pastor John (Beatitudes).

**Approval of minutes from last meeting:** A review of last month's minutes was made. Two amendments were made: Pot luck –strike 13 donors; 26 people attended. Minutes will be re-submitted to council members to reflect the Executive Session. The council agreed to accept the amended minutes, and the motion was carried.

**Pastor's Report:** Here is my report for January 15 - March 3.

- Visited with the Lamarches when I was on vacation. They are doing well and send their love.
- Fasting Group - 15 members have expressed an interest in being part of the group.
- Upcoming Special Worship Services:
  - 4/9 @ 6 PM - Maundy Thursday Dinner Service
  - 4/10 @ 7 PM – Good Friday Service
  - 4/12 @ 7 AM – Easter Sunrise Service @ Keene Transfer Station
  - 4/12 @ 1 PM – Easter Service @ Keene Valley Neighborhood House
  - 4/22 @ TBD – Earth Day Vespers Service to be led by members of the Mission and Social Action Committee
- Essex Association Annual Meeting scheduled for Sunday, April 26 @ 2 PM. The meeting will be held at the Elizabethtown church.
- Summer Music - 7 of 9 Sundays have confirmed bookings.

**Creation Justice Church/Mission and Social Action Report:** Lorraine Duvall provided a summary of the committee, and a copy of her summary is attached.

**Worship Scheduling Update:** Wendy Koehring reviewed the role of the worship scheduler. She is expecting to resign from this position in the fall so she can take on different roles here at KVCC. Wendy will make herself available to support the person in their new role. Karen suggested that some of the roles in the church be more team based to ease the responsibility. The council discussed how best to approach identifying the person or persons who can fulfill this role.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jimm provided the council with a copy of this month's balance sheet. Financially, we are in "good shape." However, we lost \$90,000 lost in the market last Friday, but we are slowly recovering. A petty cash account (\$1,500) has been established for Liz and Pastor John to use with debit cards. The finance committee will be meeting later this month. The tax and thank you letters have been sent out.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Buildings and Grounds:** Tom provided an update. We have a problem with the back steps (ice or water build-up), and this will be addressed in the springtime. The garage door has been patched, but Tom is looking into having them replaced. There is a solar light in the handicap parking area, but it doesn't always come on due to lack of sunlight. Tom suggested we put in an electrical circuit to address this. Ingrid and Tom have been looking at replacing the shutters. Tom suggested we paint them rather than replace them.

**Flower Committee:** Charlotte mentioned we will not have any flowers on the altar during this season as we have the candle display. We will have lilies out for Easter Sunday. Charlotte is requesting that someone volunteer to pick-up the lilies on Good Friday. Charlotte said the flower committee is going to meet with John to brain-storm ways in which to increase the number of people on the committee.

**Worship Committee:** Linda reported the committee met last Friday, and the group meets about every two weeks. Linda said that this is a very lively group with lots of enthusiasm.

**Organ Discussion/Update:** Chris has contacted a number of people and has verbal commitments for another \$22,000 in donations, bringing the total donations to \$35,000. The council previously discussed we would need to identify donations for half of the cost of the organ (\$35,000). Chris suggested we submit a letter to the congregation and community members to help identify possible donors. In addition to the cost of the organ, there will be an additional carpentry cost to install the speakers. The seller of the organ is offering us a \$40,000 discount, and the offer at this price does have an expiration date. The council discussed bringing the congregation into the decision as to whether or not we purchase a new organ. The council discussed what the next steps would be in making this decision. We agreed that another informational session would be helpful in making this decision.

**Clock Update:** Tom talked about how the decision was made to repair the clock, and what role the council played in the decision making process. Karen provided the minutes from the August 27, 2019 steeple clock options meeting. Tom mentioned we still have the old mechanism in the steeple and suggested the council consider whether we display it or donate it to a local museum. Tom also said we have three clock faces along with a collection of artifacts. Tom made a motion that we donate a clock face to Larry House and Donna Reed Austin. The council voted in favor of these donations. The motion was carried.

**Summer Bazaar Update:** John is seeking a volunteer on the council to reach out to congregation to identify a new bazaar chairperson. This position needs to be filled soon so we can prepare for the bazaar. Karen will conduct a mission moment to address the need for a bazaar chairperson as well as new members for the flower committee, and the upcoming worship scheduler vacancy.

**Directory Update:** Karen presented information on the Instant Church Directory.

**Guidelines for Co-sponsoring Events:** John talked about the need for guidelines around how we (KVCC) determine which events we co-sponsor. The council discussed various options. Elizabeth moved that the council take under consideration who we co-sponsor with for community events. Charlotte seconded the motion.

**Other Business:** None

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Chris, and it was seconded by Tom. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 31st, (fourth Tuesday of the month).

Minutes respectfully submitted by Deborah Mitchell, Council Clerk.