

The February meeting of the Executive Board was held on Wednesday, February 15, 2017. Those in attendance were Deb Scipione, Laura Dillon, Deb DiChiara, Marsha Southard, Holly Cole, Scott Spencer, Rick Therrien, and Ray Perrotta. Reverend Scott asked for any concerns, and opened with a prayer at 7:00 p.m. A motion was made by Deb Scipione, seconded by Deb DiChiara to accept the January minutes of the Executive Board.

Treasurer: Ray handed out copies of the current budget, and it was reviewed. He reported the handicapped accessible rest room is almost complete, and on or under budget.

Membership and Fellowship: Deb Scipione reported the committee is working on Irish Italian night. Bob Quintiliani is correcting the dates on the signs. Deb DiChiara noted there was a notice in the Providence Journal on this date. Deb Scipione will check with her contacts to see if another notice or small article can go in closer to the date of the dinner. The membership rolls are in the process of being updated. A report will be presented at the March meeting. The items currently being stored in the church loft (balcony) need to be removed and stored elsewhere, or better organized. Committee members are having difficulty accessing their items. An announcement will be made on February 26th during service asking for volunteers to help move some of the items to another area for storage.

Service: The report was sent to Marsha, and Paula reported there has not been a meeting of the service committee yet. They are scheduled to meet in February. The committee is looking for potential service opportunities at the Providence Rescue Mission. Their hope is to start serving meals, once a month, and possibly expand to other opportunities. Pastor Bob (Nolan) and a service committee member attended the mission to see if there might be any interest in other mission work, such as Bible study, or worship services. There will be a representative from the Elizabeth Buffum Chace Center speaking to our congregation on February 26th. This will kick off the Lenten collection of items for the center. Signage will be posted in the newsletter as to what items are needed for the women at the shelter. The work at the Food Pantry continues, serving 50-60 families each time.

Worship: Deb DiChiara reported the committee has met once. They are meeting again on March 6th, to further discuss Ash Wednesday, Holy Week and Easter. The Flower calendar still is in need of people to donate flowers on many Sundays. The committee will purchase one or two more artificial arrangements to fill in on Sundays that are not covered.

Buildings and Grounds: Rick Therrien reported the rest room project is just about complete. The former shelving unit needs to be modified for storage, a door needs to go on, and the moldings need to be placed. Rental agreements have been written up for the Against All Hope Church and the Mission Baptist Church. They have renewed for one year. The Children's Workshop has proposed renewing their lease for another 5 years, as the past five years has gone so well. Grant will prepare the agreement in the next few weeks. The Sanctuary furnace seems to be repaired, there have been no problems in recent weeks. However, the Against All Hope group, who meet on Wednesday evenings have complained about heat, or lack thereof, on Wednesday nights. The heat is always on Thursday morning, so the committee will look into that issue.

Christian Ed.: Laura reported there has not yet been a meeting of the committee. Heather will be

teaching a Communion Education class starting on February 26th. Thirty-eight children are registered for the Sunday school. They are planning a party when enrollment reaches 40 children. Reverend Scott raised a few questions for the committee. He is concerned about the lack of consistent nursery coverage, year round. He suggested the congregation be asked for help. Reverend Scott showed the executive board a photo of a banner Heather has suggested advertising the church and Sunday school. The permit information needs to be looked at before any decisions can be made.

Reverend Scott reported he will be participating in a Pastor exchange on February 26, with the Slatersville Church. A baptism is planned in March, and there is a new Haitian Church interested in renting the Sanctuary from us, starting in March or April. The availability needs to be checked. The theme for Lent is "Healing". Ash Wednesday will include the giving of Ashes and Communion. We have extended an invitation to the Against All Hope Church to worship with us, but they have not committed as of this meeting.

Moderator: Marsha reported on the members of some committees, some are remaining for another term. She suggested that a small committee of non-executive board members be formed to review the Church's Constitution, over the course of one year, and present any changes or updates in the Spring of 2018. The last amendments to the constitution were made in 2008. The non-profit report was reviewed, all positions are filled. We need to attain a non-profit form for certain benefits. The date for the spring meeting is set for May 7, 2017.

Old Business: nothing to discuss.

New Business: nothing to discuss.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ray, seconded by Rick, and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,