

The November meeting of the Executive Board took place on Wednesday, November 15th, 2017. Those in attendance included Reverend Scott, Ken Kinoian, Ray Perrotta, Laura Dillon, Marsha Southard, Paula Duffy, Deb Scipione, Holly Cole and Deb DiChiara.

A motion to accept the October minutes as written was made by Deb Scipione, seconded by Laura. The motion carried.

Christian Ed: Laura reported the Christian Ed Committee is preparing for Advent. There will be a pageant on Christmas Eve, at the 5:00 p.m. service. They will be instituting a new practice where on the first Sunday of the month, the fourth graders and older will attend the entire church service. Then the following week questions and discussion will take place in Sunday school. Heather needs a new desktop computer; they will be looking into Black Friday sales. Ray okayed the funds for a new computer for the C.E. department. They will be purchasing a flash drive also.

Worship: Deb DiChiara reported the committee met on October 23rd to plan All Saints Day. The new style of the Sunday service using the gathering song has confused some in the congregation. Carolyn Palumbo is decorating for Thanksgiving. Orders for poinsettias will start being taken on November 17th. The Sanctuary will be decorated for Christmas on December 2nd. Angels will be placed on the Christmas tree for the family gifting program on December 3rd. Bob Nolan has arranged a concert to take place on December 10th at 2:00p.m. in our Sanctuary, with the Greenwich Bay Brass group. The poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary on December 16th, and Christmas caroling will be on Sunday, December 17th. Sharon Albert has requested to be taken off of the Worship committee due to her busy schedule, but will still take part in any way she is able to. Bob Quintiliani is taking a leave of absence from the committee.

Service: Paula reported the committee went to the food bank on Saturday, November 2nd and served 90 families. Thanksgiving baskets will be filled on Sunday, November 19th. We have 15 families and 20-25 children for the Angel Tree project. Presents will be wrapped on December 10th and they are looking for volunteers (in groups of 2) to deliver the presents. The third Sunday of the month the committee serves at the Providence Rescue mission. It appears there is less of a need for their help at the Mission, so it has been decided they will re-evaluate if they will continue to serve in January.

Buildings and Grounds: Marsha reviewed the report sent in by Grant. There are visits planned to churches in Massachusetts to look at pews made by one of the companies the committee has been working with on the last Sunday in November. Another option is a church in New Jersey; no travel plans have been made as of this time.

Membership and Fellowship: Deb Scipione reported the profit from the bazaar was \$8,361.87. The budget for the bazaar was reviewed. There are still some funds to be collected.

Treasurer's Report: Ray reviewed the current budget. He is looking for someone who can audit the books. Holly recommended a friend. She will get in touch with Ray. An audit is done every 2 years.

New Business: Marsha will be forming a nominating committee. Marsha and Reverend Scott have an appointment with the Cranston Police in regards to ways of securing our building during the Church service, in light of the recent killings at churches around the country. Some discussion took place as to what has been taught for safety and defense in the public schools in the case where a lock down is needed. Reverend Scott left the meeting and discussion took place about the projected budget and salaries. The budget will be finalized in December.

A motion was made to adjourn by Ken, seconded by Deb Scipione. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly L. Cole