

Second Congregational Central Board – April 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Present: Jack Terrill, Joyce Mosher, Nancy Koch, Peg Round, Doug Marquart, Rev Lisa Stedman, Dale Earl, Lauren Swiniuch.

Meeting notice was posted in the April 2023 Spire and Weekly E-news, as well as announced at Sunday services.

Rev Lisa opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:30 pm.

Minutes

March 21 2023 meeting minutes – Jack moved to approve minutes, Lauren seconded. Approved unanimously with spelling corrections of Holcomb & our favorite new grandmother's last name Swiniuch. The Central Board congratulated Lauren (and Rich) on the birth of their grandson, Mason Richard, last week, and expressed well wishes to new parents Chris and Ashley.

Pastoral topic update from Rev Lisa –

- Lisa expressed her appreciation as she enjoyed her Covid-compensatory week off last week.
- Lisa shared that Bob Myrick is still at CareOne at Peabody rehabbing after his fall last month. He is a little banged up; Lisa has visited with Bob and spoken with his son.
- Gail Goodell is recovering in Marblehead at the facility where he daughter in law works (Lafayette) after surgery. Slower going than she hoped, but Gail Zoomed into church last Sunday.
- Eileen Worthey is in the hospital in Stoneham
- Barney Bouton suffered a severe leg break during a fall, and likely needs surgery and a rod placed to help with healing.
- Bev Hurley is in the hospital
- Lisa reminded us what a gift it is to have Wendy as chaplain and for all she does for SCC.
- Lisa and Wendy have been looking at worship plans for their last 2 months before retirement
- **Pastoral Search Committee** – Good progress on the job description & nearing completion of the profile. Current scope is within the three-quarter time approved in the budget. Hoping to get a draft to Dale and Alex Shea-Will upon David Boynton's return from travel.

Legacy Team – Jack (chair) shared progress and status

- Legacy Team expense reserve of \$40K was approved at the 3/26 congregational meeting.
- Team met with Liz Reinhardt, the attorney selected, for the first time. She recommended we identify an attorney who specializes in real estate conveyance, so we're ready when we need to have those discussions in more detail. Provided the firm several docs – commercial and insurance appraisals, original deed copy, and a copy of the court documents for Central Congregational Church of Newton, who created a trust (approved by the Mass AG and presumable SJC) to carry out some of the longer term charitable and historic endeavors that honored the legacy.

Annual Meeting, Central Board elections and prep – Annual meeting is planned for May 21. CB reviewed a draft list of changes to members due to transfer and death, as well as potential members to be moved to inactive status. Dale Earl captured the feedback and will sit with Mary Jane Clark and

finalize the list before ballots are mailed. In addition to announcing the election results and new CB members, the agenda will include a brief from the Pastoral Search Team and the Building Legacy Team. Notice will be read in church 5/7 and 5/14, as well as distributed in the Spire and Weekly E-news.

Summer ministers – Lisa reported no interest from the other church about July/August Sunday service sharing. After much discussion, there was consensus that due to historically light summer attendance, Sunday Services will only be held every other week; exact dates to be firmed up in the next few weeks. CB will arrange for pulpit supply for those dates up to hopefully identifying a limited term pastor by September.

Paychecks via Direct Deposit – due to poor scheduling and manual paper checks, Rev Lisa's check wasn't available to her for several days. CB agreed we'd pay associated bank charges incurred. Dale Earl will help investigate options for direct deposit, and CB consensus was to task the Finance Team with selecting the best option for SCC, and submitting that option to CB for approval.

AV/Tech/Microphone Sunday set up – David Brandt and Claire have been working the AV setup checklist. Peg will review with Claire next Sunday and insert her edits to hopefully standardize on a complete list. David to inquire with Claire as to her interest in staying on for Sunday duty after high school graduation, as we understand she will be a commuter student and still local.

CB Annual Report draft – Dale asked that CB members review the draft she created and send comments back to her.

Building Team –

- Jack delivered the Godly Play characters to the West Gloucester UCC church, who is very happy to have the additional material.
- Associated cabinets will go to a UCC church in Newburyport in the near future.
- Thanks to Tom Barrowclough Construction for promptly installing the new rear kitchen exit door to the parking lot. It is fiberglass, so rust should not be an issue going forward.

Lisa & Wendy Last Sunday 6/25 – Patty Boynton offered to jointly host the church family celebration and send off after church that morning. Lauren and Nancy will coordinate with her when she returns from travel.

Next meeting will be May 16th , 2023, 6:30pm.

Closing prayer by Lisa, at 8:00pm. & meeting adjourned.