

Second Congregational Central Board – March 21, 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 March 2023 Spire and Weekly E-news, as well as announced at Sunday services.

Rev Lisa opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:45 pm, after some informal CB discussion of celebration plans for Lisa and Wendy's last Sunday service with us in June.

Minutes

February 21 2023 meeting minutes – Jack moved to approved minutes, Peg seconded. Approved unanimously.

Pastoral topic update from Rev Lisa –

- Lisa logged on a few minutes late as she was discussing funeral plans with Walter Holcomb's spouse (Susan). Lisa asked us to keep the family in our thoughts and prayers.
- Lisa shared that Bob Myrick had fallen the prior Saturday, and was at CareOne at Peabody rehabbing. He is a little banged up; Lisa has visited with Bob and spoken with his son.
- Lisa presided at Lorelei Azarian's celebration of life at the mortuary in Lynn Saturday March 18. It was a nice service with Bill, Amelia and other family and friends present. She also mentioned many prayer concerns passed on at Zoom To Prayer.
- Music – Lisa passed along a request from Marshunda and the Choir to consider hiring bass and tenor singers (one each, \$200/hr each) to supplement the current voices. After discussion, Peg moved and Lauren seconded that the CB affirm a one month/effectively 3 Sunday trial with the current budget allocated, and then to reevaluate the request after that. Unanimously approved the trial.
- Wendy is away the weekend of 3/26 for her comp time off; Lisa will take her time after Easter.
- MJC still processing her husband Tom's passing considering/reconsidering her future work plans. She is thankful for the support and space she's been provided from our SCC family.
- Plans for worship going OK.
- Tech/microphone issues – the issues last Sunday 3/19 in church and on Zoom reinforced the need for a Checklist for Sunday morning setup. One mic was dead, and someone had turned off the switch that activates the mics by the piano/choir up front, which led to mic over-adjustments and feedback/popping in the sanctuary. Peg offered to help David & Claire with creating the checklist. Lisa and Jack to confer on details of what NSCS may be touching in the sanctuary (David Brandt sent note) and then Jack will speak with Pam Heinz.
- **Pastoral Search Committee** – Forward Chat went fine, though the team expected more questions. Alex Shea Will is advising on compliance with SNEUCC standards and practices prior to posting. Lisa reported the profile is nearly complete. **After much discussion, the CB consensus is that Dale Earl or a delegate will review the profile and posting to confirm the CB is in sync with the material.** Lisa assured the Search Team understands any budget request to increase the equivalent time above 0.75 or currently approved budget must go back to the Finance Team/Central Board prior to any posting action. Lisa will ask David Brandt and Gail Goodell to send draft to Dale for review.

Legacy Team – Jack (chair) shared progress and status

- Commercial appraisal complete. Jack shared value (in line with insurance estimates) which is being held in confidentiality ahead of listing/bidding. Appraiser used 10 Boston area properties as comps.
- After interviewing 3 candidates via Zoom, the LT voted to select Liz Reinhardt in Concord MA. Initial retainer is for \$3500. There will be a congregational meeting 3/26 to consider authorizing the full multi-year amount of \$40,000. The CB discussed and reached consensus that Joyce Mosher as Moderator would authorize for SCC.
- Jack reported the congregational survey results had been summarized. No real surprises. He has details if anyone needs another copy. Summary to be in the April Spire, too.
- Jack had calls from The Branch Church in Peabody, and met with them. They started 10+ years ago at Hollywood Hits, now renting space from Covenant Christian School, with over 200 members now. They learned about SCC from an NSCS family that is a member. First appearance is that they share some of Second Church's views on community & mission (OK with AA, Boy Scouts, other building tenants). The pastor and a couple families toured the SCC facilities with Jack. They expressed concern with how our congregation was fairing with the process. Two-page draft proposal requested if they have interest. More to come.

Congregational Meeting 3/26 to authorize Legacy Expenses – The call has been made in church and via E-news of meeting to authorize up to \$40K and segregate. Dale will pickup coffee, Peg will bring brownies. Alex Shea Will plans to be in church that morning and may stay for meeting. Should be brief as Palm Sunday choir practice is at 10:45am.

Lisa & Wendy Last Sunday 6/25 – We will have a church family celebration and send off after church that morning, probably in Lower Parish Hall. Lisa and Wendy have requested nothing elaborate (bouncy house, pony rides and hot air balloon rides have been cancelled). Alex Shea Will not available, another SNEUCC rep will attend.

Summer ministers – Lisa will follow up with another church about July/August sharing. CB will approach pulpit supply if needed.

Website – Dale and Lisa have helped update the Second Church Website. Peg advised of FB page with SCC Church School to be deleted; Lisa offered to review.

Finance Team – Doug shared that SCC finally paid our remaining 2022 support commitment to the SNEUCC. Jan will now pay monthly along with Mission sharing payment.

Next meeting will be April 18th, 2023, 6:30pm.

Closing prayer by Lisa, at 8:10pm. & meeting adjourned.