

**Lovell United Church of Christ
Cabinet Meeting
January 16, 2017**

Present: Pastor Lois Amidon, Karen Bacchiocchi, Linda Libby, Mary Heroux, Nancy Olmsted, Ruth Mitchell, Joe Dorner, Carolyn Carter, Nancy Wilson, and Vicki Royer.

Opening Prayer by Pastor Lois

The minutes were approved with corrections.

Announcements: Jack and Beverly Bassett's 60th Anniversary Open House will be January 28, 1:00 to 3:00.

Reports

Pastor's Report:

- There will be a benefit supper for the Furtados when Joyce feels better after coming home from the hospital.
- A person told Pastor Lois we should discuss whether we need so many activities in December.
- Heather requested all annual reports be turned into her.
- The Strove Dinner is February 28, and the Deacons ask men to prepare the dinner.
- Sandy Bell wants to donate a painting. We could start the raffle in July and draw the winner at the Summer Fair.
- The pastor needs help sorting through the books in the library, so we can use part of the space for Sunday School. Several people volunteered to mark the books that should be removed.

Pastoral Relations: They will meet in 2017.

Treasurer Report:

- Karen presented Joe Dorner's LUCC Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual since he was absent.
- We are at 100% for the 2016 pledge year.
- According to Joe Dorner, we kept to our budget.
- The Proposed Budget for 2017 was presented and will be voted on during the Annual Meeting February 5.

Financial Secretary:

- Karen Bacchiocchi reviewed the income and expenses to date. The report is on file.

Trustees:

- The Trustees met January 9.

- The Proposed Budget for 2017 was presented by Lou Olmsted. There was a motion to accept the 2017 budget with corrections. It will be voted on during the Annual Meeting February 5.
- Joe Dorner suggested moving \$25,000 to the Capital Expense Fund earmarked for parking lot paving.
- Dean will start getting estimates for total replacement of existing parking lot including paving the current unpaved parking area.
- Dehumidifiers in the thrift shop have been recalled. Fred has removed cords and is handling the situation with the company. Mary will alert the thrift shop workers.

Stewardship Report: The committee is on hiatus since they completed their job.

Music and Worship Report: The piano has been tuned. Vicki asked, "How are we doing with alternative worship ideas?"

Christian Education:

- There are three Sunday School classes.
- Naomi King gave all students a gift bag.
- On December 17 several youth and adults went shopping for toys for the baskets, and a stranger gave them \$200.
- The next project is to raise funds to attend the Heffer Project farm. They will make sandwiches for the Super Bowl on Saturday, February 4.
- There will be a Lock-In Overnight on February 19.
- Chaz wants to buy youth students a Study Guide Bible, which are around \$20. He will order 12.

Diaconate:

- Christmas Eve service was very well attended by approximately 81 people.
- Pastor Lois requested a deacon be on duty to take notes during the "Joys and Concerns" time during worship.
- It is difficult for many to hear announcements being made. We request people to stand, if possible, and face the congregation.

Ladies Circle:

- They met January 10.
- The treasury balance is \$4098.31.
- The Fruit Basket delivery will be January 28 and 29.
- On February 14 they will make valentines for nursing homes.
- January 25 lunch will be at Clipper's Tea House at noon with carpooling at 11:30.

Missions:

- There will be a fund-raising benefit dinner for Joyce Furtado, sponsored by the Lovell Volunteer Fire Department and the Masons. Missions will contribute frozen turkeys.
- The Cooking Matters class will be February 8 – March 15.

Girl Scouts:

- The cookie sale is January 7 – 29.
- The Flea Market will be March 11.
- Girl Scout Sunday will be March 12.
- The cookie party was January 7 at Lake Region High School.

Fellowship: Everyone agreed that the fellowship committee is doing a good job.

Nominating Committee:

- Nancy Olmsted is taking the place of Ruth Hodgkins on the Pastoral Relations Committee.
- We need one more person on Missions Committee.

Fundraising:

- Money is still coming in for the auction. We need more items next year, perhaps 100 items. We could use the rectory for auction storage.
- We need a fund-raising meeting in February.

Old Business:

- We will discuss Emergency Procedures at the annual meeting.
- Christian Education Committee will talk about emergency exits every year with our students.
- The Trustees will make an exit plan for the upstairs.

New Business:

- Ruth, Vicki, Heather, Lois, Mary, and Nancy will help with the library clean-out. Mark books for removal by February 28.
- Watch Channel 6 for closure of the church.
- Strove Dinner is Wednesday, February 28. The Diaconate is in charge.

Closing: Vicki gave each of us a church origami. Martin Luther King, Jr. tried to change how we look at everyone and be more inclusive. It is important to be welcoming to anyone who comes to our church.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00. Next meeting will be February 20, 2017.

Nancy Wilson, Clerk