

## FPC – Session Meeting Highlights – June 20, 2023

- Karen Murray led the opening devotion and prayer.
- Karen was elected temporary clerk to take minutes for Liz Burns. There was no Clerk's Report.
- There was no Treasurer's Report.
- John Touhey was FPC's commissioner for the Presbytery of Long Island's meeting/worship service on June 17 in Babylon. Peter Kelley reported on the Pastoral Inquiry Commission. The next meeting will be September 30 in Selden, and a commissioner is needed.
- Peter Kelley presented the next installment of the Concepts for Emotional Processes: Resistance. The Session approved the baptism of Tessa Georgolakos (her daughter Rosalie's baptism had been approved at the prior meeting) and Aela Bohn, daughter of Robert Bohn and Jeanne Kiernan.
- Karen Danzer reported for the Deacons. Sober house baskets were delivered and there are many Persons in Need (PIN) requests from CAST. The plans are underway for the Golf Outing on September 7.
- Dave Collins reported for Buildings & Grounds. There was a leak in the Sanctuary from a burst pipe in the AC unit. Kolb repaired the leak. Montoya Flooring completed the replacement/repair of flooring in the Old Manse. Paul Geiger presented a punch list of items that need to be fixed and sanded in preparation for painting the interior of the Old Manse. Kathy will manage a group of volunteers to paint. Ace Hardware offered discounts on the materials. Many of the windows need to be repaired or replaced.
- Marla Koster reported that the Cemetery Committee held a reception on June 11<sup>th</sup> to recognize the contributions of Jane Andrews. Margo Bridgen and David Kilbride will seek to continue the great work that Jane did.
- Sue Russell reported that the Faith Formation Committee met on May 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - Summer SALT will run on Thursdays in July for a fee of \$35 and a limit of 20 kids.
  - Faithful Friends will be on hiatus during the summer.
  - Sunset Devotions and a companion lunchtime Bible study need volunteers to facilitate discussions about the Parables.
  - VBS will run from 8/14-8/18. They have a good number of volunteers, but still need a photographer and leader for Kid Vid and Games stations.

- Stew Ross reported that the Pentecost Celebration was a hit. Sunday Fellowship continues, with a full coffee hour for the summers. The Tuesday Community Suppers will kick off on June 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Karen Murray reported for the Mission Committee. The group continues to explore options for housing a family in need in the Manse. Next up is a meeting with Cathy Demeroto from CAST. The Mission Committee and the Deacons will talk about restarting the Eagles' Wings ministry.
- Peter Kelley reported for the Nominating Committee. We need to ordain and install Ralph Edwards and Stew Ross. The search for another Elder continues.
- John Touhey reported for Personnel, and noted that new Music Director Daniel Koontz is working out well.
- Ralph Edwards presented a report from the Stewardship & Finance Committee. There was a successful Moment for Stewardship in June, with more to come. The committee wants to make more of an effort to publicize the good that our congregation is doing. The third financial audit is happening in July. There should be fewer findings, because a lot of the auditor's recommendations have already been implemented. Budgeting season will start in August.
- Patty Shuford, reporting for the Worship Committee, agreed that Daniel has been a great addition to our worship services. She noted that Mike Mraz started using a program that allows us to stream services from a remote location. And she reminded Session that our group takes a turn at Sunday Fellowship, and asked for contributions.
- Peter led the closing prayer, asking for a peaceful and meaningful Pride March on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup>.