

Congregational Church of South Dartmouth
Quarterly Meeting
Sunday, January 24, 2010

The quarterly meeting of the Congregational Church of South Dartmouth was held in the lower social hall of the church immediately following the end of worship at the 10:00 service. All were invited to stay.

Paul Durland, church moderator, called the meeting to order at 11:30 am and outlined the agenda for the morning.

Jim Forbush was first and presented his questionnaire on communications systems within the church. He explained the purpose of the questionnaire and thanked the members of the congregation for completing one. The results of the questionnaire will be shared at a later date with proposed recommendations of any changes for the future.

Kevern Joyce described his By-law Revision group as several of the former church moderators. Comments have been minimal as to the current format or the return to the former process of governance and meeting conducted by the church. A motion was made to continue to operate under the interim by-laws until the May annual church meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by those in attendance.

The Pastoral Advisory Council held its first meeting. Members of the Ministry in attendance were asked to stand to be recognized. If any church member has a specific issue that would not be able to be resolved by individual ministry teams, it should then be brought to one of these members for resolution.

Karen McArthur presented a review of the budget. Copies of the budget and supporting documents were made available to each person attending the meeting. She explained the budget process from the fall to the present. A question was asked regarding the size of the donation which will need to be covered in future budgets. Karen chose not to share the amount at that time. A second question regarding donating on a credit card was presented. Karen explained that while it may be convenient, it is also expensive (2 ½%) to manage by church and would most likely not be an option. Members are able to do automatic withdrawals from their checking and/or savings accounts. Specific details are attached to these minutes.

Margaret Forbush reported for Outreach on the successful completion of the Holiday Hope project. Also, the Christmas Eve collection was \$1521 – the biggest collection in recent years. This was donated to the Market Ministries food assistance program. The Aid to Haiti collection has received over \$1400 so far and includes the proceeds from the Sunday School bake sale. The all church service day is scheduled for Saturday, April 10th. Location to be announced at a later date.

Sonja White represented the Women's Guild. Upcoming projects include the installation of a new dishwasher in the kitchen. The Guild will fund the entire project. Also, they

approved a \$500 contribution to the kits for people in Haiti. Linda Gouveia is organizing this activity.

New Business: No items were brought to the floor.

Motion to adjourn was made at 11:55. It was seconded and all approved the completion of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Cecelia Roberts
Church Clerk