

Congregational Church of Temple

**MINUTES OF THE
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

Sunday, March 21, 2010
12:15 PM

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Milan Daler.

Pastor Graham Ward opened with a prayer, while Milan lit the candle.

Milan gave a few words about the Town Meeting and watching Town Moderator Bruce Kullgren, Jr. Milan requested that all issues be addressed to the Moderator and all remarks be kept to the issue of discussion. Milan read the five developmental tasks of an interim ministry.

Deb Harling read the minutes of the February 28, 2010 Council Meeting. Move by Dick Benotti to accept the February 28, 2010 minutes as written, seconded by Tom Baker and voted in the affirmative.

Old Business:

Pastor Graham explained the idea of a pre-annual meeting at which the Congregation would vote on target programs with their associated costs for the next year. Graham explained that by having these target programs and costs adopted, a stewardship drive could be started to fund the programs. It would be the responsibility of the Boards and Committees to submit this information to the Trustees so that it could be compiled for the congregation's review. Dick Benotti spoke in favor of this idea and gave a synopsis of how the budget has been put together in the past. Move by Dick Benotti to hold a pre-annual meeting at a date to be determined, seconded by Deb Harling and voted in the affirmative.

MINISTRY OF FELLOWSHIP & CARING

Pastor Graham suggested holding a Council Retreat at the May 2010 Council Meeting. After some discussion, it was moved by Deb Harling, seconded by Pam Worcester, to hold a Council Retreat with Council members bringing recommendations for a date and location to the April Council Meeting. This was voted in the affirmative, with Steve Cullinan voting in the negative.

Felicia Sartell and Vicki Mellon asked for discussion of the schedule for coffee hour and the vote on the schedule made at the 2/28/2010 meeting. After discussion of how to know who had the responsibility for coffee hour each week, it was suggested that the Administrative Assistant, Patti Doyle, send an email to

the committee members responsible for coffee hour and that this information be put into the preceding week's bulletin.

MINISTRY OF OUTREACH

Jennifer Daler for the Missionary Committee informed the Council that the first monthly community dinner is scheduled for April 14, 2010 at 5:30 pm.

Mary Nutting informed the Council that she and Ruth Runge are the representatives for the Monadnock Council of Churches. Ruth has been trying to find out exactly what this council is and when meetings are held. Graham will look into this issue.

STEWARDSHIP OF FACILITIES

Dick Benotti spoke about having a Safety Officer, which has been suggested by the Insurance Company. This person would provide safety information to the Congregation, watch for safety hazards, and report to the appropriate Committee. Move by Dick Benotti that Moderator Milan Daler, Pastor Graham, and Trustee Chair Steve Cullinan meet and submit the name of a member of the Congregation to act as Safety Officer, seconded by Jennifer Daler and voted in the affirmative.

Dick Benotti informed the Council that an energy audit will be performed on the parsonage on Friday, March 26, 2010. Dick will be receiving an estimate for painting at the parsonage in the near future. Dick stated that this estimate will be higher than originally anticipated due to the fact that the walls will need to be washed thoroughly before painting. Graham suggested that Dick request the bid be broken down with separate quotes for cleaning the walls and painting the walls. Dick will look into having this type of breakdown.

The Council discussed meeting on a weeknight at 7:00 pm rather than on Sunday after coffee hour. The majority of Council members were in favor of a weeknight and agreed to the last Wednesday of the month as the night to hold Council meetings.

It was agreed that the next Council meeting would be Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

Move by Steve Cullinan to adjourn, seconded by Dick Benotti. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Harling