



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

BOARD OF SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2019

Attendance:

Yes	No		Yes	No	
		OPEN SPOT	X		John Humphrey (2019)
X		Jeanne Schuller	X		Seth Patterson, <i>Staff Liaison</i>
X		Henry Bubula (2019)		X	Josh Scharback (2019)
X		Corbin Dillon (2021)		X	Johanna Schussler (2021)
X		Becky Dougherty (2020), <i>Chair</i>		X	Stacy Yoakiem (2021)

GUESTS:

Rev. Catherine Duncan, MA, BCC

Ann Ludlow & Rebecca Smith

Actions Taken:

Thank you cards were signed for Library volunteers.

Liaison Updates

- Proposal re: Christmas Festival is on the agenda for the next Leadership council meeting. Boards are meeting and considering how to implement/redistribute responsibilities for the festival.
- Sunday Forum is reaching out to boards for suggestions/ideas for speakers. Fall programs are being planned. Dave Hutchinson, Hennepin County Sherriff will be the first speaker for fall.
- Becky will invite Library volunteers (Cheryl & John Davenport and Meg & Wayne Gisslen) to the May meeting to foster a connection and conversation with the library.
- Jan Rabbers and the Spiritual Exploration committee are on task with responsibilities. Henry will reach out to see if they need anything.

Leadership Council Notes

- Becky shared a summary of Leadership Council Meeting on February 27th. The majority of the meeting was spent on the discussion of the embroideries. Leaders were asked to list pros and cons of 4 possible solutions. Becky will email those to this board for reflection. The council is open to input from the congregation members, deacons, boards, and committees. A decision will be made this spring. The decision will not be made by a church vote.

Minutes Procedure

Minute-taker submits draft to group within 10 days of meeting; members have 7 days to submit revisions (no response is treated as approval).

If any revisions, minute-taker forwards revised draft to group within 3 days for electronic approval; members have 2 days to respond (no response is treated as approval).

Minute-taker submits approved minutes in Microsoft Word format to the Ministry Assistant for Programs (Doug Freeman, dougf@plymouth.org) upon approval.

- Becky also shared that the council decided to develop a year round nominating process or committee instead of only spring nominations.

Covenant Partner Request-Catherine Duncan

- Catherine visited to explain her experience and roles as Integrative Spiritual Consultant & employee of New Bridge Health and Wellness.
- Catherine is one of four professionals that are in a covenant with Plymouth. Seth described that being in a covenant means.
- Catherine has a home office and would use Plymouth space to provide individual or family consultation for Plymouth members. Catherine is also available to provide education or lead retreats on spiritual direction or resiliency and other topics.
- Knowing there are other spiritual directors in our congregation, the board would like to make sure we are not promoting one provider over another. Could we provide a list of spiritual directors and clarify that Catherine is one of them who is able to meet with people at Plymouth and is in covenant with our church? Could Catherine provide education on spiritual direction for our community through a retreat offering or speaking at a Sunday Forum? More discussion is needed when more board members are present to make a decision about this.

Racial Justice Initiative

- Approving and adopting the covenant draft was put on hold until next meeting until more members are present.
- Rebecca Smith and Ann Ludlow visited and proposed the following question for discussion: "If the church could handle any discussion about racial justice, where would you want it to go?" The group had a lengthy conversation about reparations, use of money/resources, shame, and how to befriend someone from another culture. This led to a more discussion about the embroideries and how our board could model and influence our community through our educational offerings and our actions.

Closing

Next Meeting April 10th at 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted, Jeanne Schuller