

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF PLYMOUTH  
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

Sunday, August 4, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President April Zdanis at 11:22 am.

The meeting minutes of the previous meeting will be voted for acceptance at the September meeting.

Correspondence

Thank you notes were received from scholarship recipients Hailey Falcone and Jenne Madigan. A thank you note was received from Church World Service for our donation.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Congregational Care

Continue to pray for those on our prayer list and our shut-ins. The prayer list in the Sunday bulletin is updated weekly; if you have changes please let Theresa know. Rev. Kenneth Smith continues with monthly visitation. The shut-ins enjoy receiving cards from individuals as well as from FBC.

Christian Education

There are only a few children regularly attending Christian education during church service. Rally day for the beginning of Sunday School will be held on Sunday September 15. Mary suggested games during Sunday school that day. There are funds available for curriculum.

Finance/Treasurer's Report

Mary discussed FlockBase software and her experience with consultant Karen Stronk. Karen Stronk suggested stopping the use of the financial spreadsheet and instead use the FlockBase reports. While Mary was unable to reconcile July due to a mirror error and was unable to fix it in FlockBase herself, consulting with Karen Stronk should have it corrected soon. Council suggested Mary and Ted meet with Karen Stronk to try to find reports that can be printed in a layout Ted needs. Lynn updated Council on account balances and investments and indicated two of the investment accounts have a very high fee for the small return received. The 12-month CD with pastoral housing funds is up for renewal. It was decided to invest in a 9-month CD at 1.8%, which Lynn will follow up on with Thomaston Savings Bank.

Outreach

August mission Collection was for Small Wonders program with Plymouth Human services. April will give Mary the total so a check can be written to the Small Wonders program. Line will obtain the address and send it to Mary. September mission giving will be for Sunday school..

Property

Ted has been keeping up with mowing. Because Ted did not receive a return call from other hauling services, USA Hauling has been contracted for another year. We are enjoying the air conditioning in both facilities this summer with Ted's installation of the window air conditioners.

Worship

Ted has been continuing to arrange for pulpit supply. August 11 will be Reverend Dr. Friday and August 18 will be Reverend John Roy. Ted is unable to be worship leader on August 18 and we may or may not need someone to lead the service with Reverend Roy. The August 25 pulpit supply has not been finalized.

### Music

We thank Julie for arranging the special music this summer and for arranging substitutes while she has been away.

### Pastoral Search Committee

Ted has provided to possible applicants with our profile. Reverend Dr. Friday will be preaching on August 11th so it will be important for all to attend. Mary volunteered to send notices to those who did not attend service this Sunday so they will be aware of Reverend Dr. Friday's visit next week. Ted indicated he will need figures from the Treasurer in order to put together a pastoral financial package for housing, salary, MMBB, and health.

### Other Business

We have not yet received notice of any possible award for the Thomaston Savings Bank Foundation Grant application.

The committee reviewed the September Calendar draft, made updates, and will leave for Theresa to update.

Clothing donations can be dropped off at the church during office hours Tuesdays and Fridays 9 am to noon.

We discussed the importance of the office continuing regular hours; Ted will fill in if needed on Tuesdays.

Ted and Lynn looked at some verbiage used by another church that may be useful for the update of FBC's Constitution and ByLaws.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:58 pm.

**The next meeting will be held on Sunday, September 1, following worship and fellowship time.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Caroline (Lynn) Fairchild*  
Secretary

Present: Theodore (Ted) Durley, Caroline (Lynn) Fairchild, Mary Rose, April Zdanis  
Absent: Rosalie Beals, Joel Fairchild, Elaine Fiermonte, Betty Salerno

*These minutes will be approved at the next meeting.*