

## **CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES-JULY 15, 2013**

**Those present:** Rev. Jill McCrory, Lois Frick, Deb Rickman, Nancy Lindinha, Bill Damiano, Mark Cain, Regina Gaither

Opening prayer by Pastor Jill

### **REPORTS AND UPDATES:**

**FINANCIAL:** Even though income has diminished, adequate funds are being maintained for church finances. It was noted that church giving has changed somewhat with less tithes but more "loose plate" giving.

**MEMBERSHIP:** New members added for July-Margaret McCarthy and Doris Pavlicheck by statement of faith July 7, 2013, Ashley Drake was baptized June 23, 2013. A new membership class tentatively to be scheduled in the fall for new members and "old" members needing a refresher. The membership directory should also be completed in the fall so the DCBC may have an accurate account of membership in the church. For this reason, an email was sent as to a list of members asking for an update on their membership status per the results of the membership survey done by the council in June.

**MISSIONS:** The Mission Serve lunches were well received and TBC was thanked by all involved. The Crisfield Mission Trip has a full roster-15 people are going. There will be meals provided for the team. The team will be commissioned for the journey July 28, 2013.

**OUTREACH:** We have made our presence known to Rockville High School and the parents of the softball players at the baseball field across from the church. At D.C. Pride Parade and festival our presence was well received and documented by the Washington Post with a brief mention. The Benefit concert by the IMPACT youth team was a great mission for them and the bake sale after was a great fund raiser for the church. This benefit also brought others into the church.

**BUILDING:** The gutters and clogged downspouts have been cleaned with a cost of only \$65.00! The air conditioners on the main floor have all been insulated thanks to the generous labor of two visitors to our church. The lawn looks great. The loft room(above narthex) needs to be emptied out in order to deal with the leak in the roof and the smell in the room. Pastor Jill and Deb will address this with PCC.

**OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:** Someone associated with the church has graciously given payment for re-keying the church so we will have added security.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- The podium for the stage will be back in September.
- A lesbian couple has graciously asked to be married by Jill in the church after the worship service July 21, 2013. This ceremony is NOT part of the worship

- service. This ceremony is approved by the council with Deb Rickman making a motion to accept and Bill Damiano as a second.
- The remaining brochures used for D.C. Pride are being used because they appeal to all ages with diversity of race. Also, a visitor's packet will be made for visitors to the church.
  - A mid-year congregational meeting has been tentatively set for September 8, 2013.
  - The bulletin for Sundays will be sent as a draft in email to Cynthia Alexander(for the music), Nancy Lindinha(for the worship), and to Jill McCrory(for sermon prep) when it is prepared near the end of the week. This should be better for communication.
  - The church picnic has been tentatively set for October 6, 2013. There were suggestions to hold it at Lake Needwood or somewhere similar. It will be a potluck.
  - The next council meeting is set for August 19, 2013.