

**NEW MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
December 13, 2022
Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm in the church sanctuary

Chris Prause: Opening prayer including a moment of silence for the Sandy Hook families.

Steve Kolitz

The Council chair reviewed the current new slate of leaders for 2023.

Council Chair – Steve Kolitz
Lay Leader/Annual Delegate– Marlene Davis
Annual Delegate – Pat Tripp
At Large member – Roberta Buddle
Finance Chair – Jerry Jones
Treasurer- Steve Rittler
Sunday School – Terri Hudak
Congregational Care- Doreen Shea
Missions – Marlene Davis
Council Secretary – Harold Jacobson
Membership Secretary – Mary Prause (New position to the Council and approved unanimously).
Trustees – will elect at their next meeting.
SPR- Martha McMahon (Technical assistance from Harold Jacobson)
UMM- Chris Prause

Roberta Buddle will share the descriptions for each committee with the church secretary for distribution to the new members.

Steve Kolitz asked that the committee chairs invite their members to the Council meetings.

Steve Kolitz

We may look to having a warming station for those who lose power during winter storms. There are two church members who are taking the online course to be certified food handlers. The wrap up meeting of the Charge Conference for the congregation was well attended. There was a motion to move the Church Council meetings on a trial basis to Sundays at 11 am after the service. This is to try to have more congregants attend and be involved. The two meetings as a trial will be **February 12,2023** and **March 12,2023**. The motion was approved unanimously.

Jerry Jones:

A vote by the Council is required to approve the new **Treasurer** for the Church. The new Treasurer will be **Steve Rittler** who has been on the Finance committee for 4 years. A motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Pastor Ed to put this motion up for vote by the Council. The actual vote was 10 YES and 0 NO. The motion was thus unanimously approved.

The next item requiring Council approval is to update the list of check "signers" in both Union Savings Bank and Webster Bank. The accounts are for the New Milford United Methodist Church, the Education Center and the Church's Memory Garden Committee. The accounts and recommended approvers are as follows:

Union Savings Bank

General Church Fund **Jerry Jones , Michael Hopp, Steve Rittler , Larry Tripp**

Webster Bank

Education Center Main Account **Jerry Jones, Michael Hopp, Steve Rittler, Larry Tripp**

Webster Bank

Memory Garden Account **Patricia Jacobson Lynn Singleton**

There was a motion made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Marlene Davis, to approve the list of signers for the accounts. The Council then voted on the motion and the result was 10 YES and 0 NO. The motion was passed unanimously.

Jerry Jones, Larry Tripp and Laurie Putnam from the Finance committee recently researched ways to invest our monies to better advantage. There is approximately \$154,000 from the Art Carlson bequest and 5 CDs for a total of \$200,000. After due diligence, the recommendation is to move the \$200,000 at Webster Bank into a brokered CD which currently is earning 3.25%. A motion to move this money to the brokered CD at Webster was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Michael Hopp. The Council voted 10 YES and 0 NO and the motion was passed unanimously.

Trustees has approximately \$100,000 in an Ameriprise account and they are waiting to hear their proposal for how to better invest the money. A motion was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Michael Hopp to approve the signers for this account as follows: **Jerry Jones and Larry Tripp**. The Council vote was 10 Yes and 0 NO. Motion approved.

Jerry Jones:

The Housing exclusion of \$44,105 remains the same with no changes for this year as affirmed by Pastor Ed. Dimchek is requesting 5% of our apportionments (\$1400.) Jerry Jones will explore how it will be used before we will agree.

Chris Prause

Received Council approval to plan for the Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner on February 21,2023.

Terri Hudak

Still in need of more Sunday School helpers. Need at least a third person to join the rotation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Jacobson
(Council secretary)