

NEW MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
February 12, 2023
Minutes

The Church Council meeting was called to order at 10:56 am in the church sanctuary.

- Steve Kolitz** Steve asked that the committee chairs invite their members to the Council meetings. This was the first **Sunday** Church Council meeting to see if the revised schedule would draw more interest from the congregation.
The question remained as to if we should give additional monies to Dimchek . The Council voted to wait on any additional monies until we hear again from them.
Mission Sunday is scheduled for March 5, 2023. There will be presentations by all missions on tables in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour.
There was a motion by Mike Hopp and seconded by Pat Tripp to purchase 40 new black hymnals for the pews. We have enough of the large hymnals and the green booklets but not the black song books. The motion was passed unanimously.
The Council approved two positions which were recently filled after the Charge Conference. They are as follows: Bonnie Knapp as Financial secretary and Rob Didato as a Trustee (3 year).
An update of the purchase of audio equipment was read aloud. The price quoted was \$8,390; however, this did not include work to be done prior such as carpentry, running cables, etc. It was decided more specifics are needed prior to approval. Marlene Davis, Mike Hopp and Steve Rittler will explore further and report back.
More bids will be required for due diligence.
Trustees will test the video screen in Fellowship Hall to see what possibilities it may afford us.
- Pat Tripp** Nothing to report at this time.
- Marlene Davis** No Annual Conference date has been announced yet.
- Chris Prause:** Men's Club will be meeting to discuss the specifics of the Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner.
- Mike Hopp** Trustees will be making a schedule at their next meeting for the "needs" of the church. This would not be a wish list but rather projects that are definitely needed.
The Trustees will discuss a proposal that a company has submitted for rental of a parcel our land to accommodate a cell tower. The tower would be 60-75 feet tall. Mike Hopp will meet with the company for more specifics before bringing to Trustees and the Church Council
- Jerry Jones:** The approved 2023 Church budget would create a \$92,000 deficit. Paying off the solar loan reduces that deficit to \$61,000. Within this, is the assumption that the Education Center will make enough to pay the \$40,000 transfer payment, which has some risk to it due to new competition coming to New Milford soon. Post Ed Center transfer, the final deficit would be \$21,000.
- Steve Rittler:** All committees should try to spend wisely this year.
- Terri Hudak** Plans are underway for an ice cream social and an Easter egg hunt for the children. There have been additional congregants who have stepped up to help as the "door person" for Sunday school.
- Val Kolitz:** The Evangelism committee met and discussed topics such as participating in GOAT Day, the Apple Fest, and scheduling a game night for church members.

Marlene Davis: Mission Sunday specifics to be announced soon. Current plan is for March 5,2023.
The Council will decide on the schedule of upcoming meetings for the year at the March meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Harold Jacobson
(Council secretary)