

NEW MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
October 10, 2023
Minutes

The Church Council meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm in the church sanctuary.

Pastor Ed: Prayer

Steve Kolitz

Reminder that committees should send in their reports prior to the Council meeting so there is not the need to report on all activities at the monthly meeting.

There is still no date for the Charge Conference to be attended by the District Superintendent.

Pastor Ed, Martha McMahon and Steve Kolitz will work on a **conflict resolution plan** which needs to be in place by December 11,2023.

Reminder that Committee chairs should formulate their committee goals for next year.

The **cell tower** project is moving forward and most questions by the lawyer have been resolved. The groundbreaking for the project is still approximately 18 months away.

Possibility that we will begin "blended" services if members of the Gaylordsville band participate.

Martha McMahon

Nicole Mailman is the new Director of the Education Center. She had been the Lead teacher. Some of the forms for Safe Sanctuary that had been given to all those members who interact with Sunday School have NOT been returned.

Mike Hopp

Some spot paving has been performed on the parking areas and driveway.

The downspouts have been rearranged and thus should help with any leakage into the building.

Trustees will be meeting next week.

The new church sign has been approved and will conform to the zoning 40 s/f maximum.

Jerry Jones:

The 2024 Church budget and Education Center budgets need to be approved by the finance committee, Church Council and Charge Conference.

There is a Fall Fair account that currently has \$1,000 in it. The signers for this account are Larry Tripp and Roberta Buddle. A proposal was made by Jerry Jones and seconded by Mike Hopp to move this money to the **General Fund**. There were no objections from the Council.

There was a proposal by Jerry Jones (Finance committee) and seconded by Val Kolitz to move the \$8,000 in interest that was earned to the Trustees "**major maintenance fund**". There were no objections to the Finance Committees recommendation.

Crafts Fair on Saturday from 10am-2pm.

Terri Hudak :

Sunday school is doing well with an average of 4-6 children each week.

Children are reminded to bring their bibles to Sunday school and they follow a theme each month.

Possibility that the last portion of Sunday School be reserved to incorporate bells/ choir participation.

Val Kolitz:

Children are always welcome during the Sunday service and congregants can use the Dorothy O'Rourke room as needed for childcare.

Game night will be coming soon, and a Bible Jeopardy game is planned.

Jan Parsons:

A list must be provided to the Health Department of all ingredients used when we provide a meal such as the proposed ham dinner. Others using the church such as the scouts will need to provide their own lists to the health department.

Hymnals bindings are breaking down so the possibility of alternatives to make more room for them might be keeping Bibles on the pews rather than in the book holders.

Doreen Shea:

The Congregational Care committee continues to call or visit members of the congregation who have had recent illnesses. Carolyn Dion is now in charge of food for those in need and Bonnie Knapp is taking over the prayer chain.

With low church attendance it was thought bereavement support groups in the community can be utilized instead of initiating one within the church.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm

Respectfully submitted,
Harold Jacobson
(Council secretary)