

**Minutes of Dixboro UMC Leadership Council Zoom Meeting  
Thursday October 26, 2023 7:00pm**

**Present and Zooming:** Barb Scheffer, Kenn Scheffer (Trustees), Linda Tyler Brown (Director of Children and Youth Ministry), Pastor Jeanne Rodgers, Tom Little (chair), Brent Howlett (Rep to Annual Conf., Discipleship Ministry Chair), Mary Ellen Miller (Secretary), Mary Turfe (Rep to Annual Conf., Lay Leader), Charles Engle (Financial Sec.), Cathy Freeman (Caring Ministry), Carl Johns, Tom Freeman (Green Liaison), Harold Tuckett (VCI Coord., Faith Community/Hospitality Chair)

**Missing:** Peggy Moran, Jayne Worthy-Howlett (Pres. DUMW), Randy Hucks (Treasurer), Briana Murphy (Social Justice Coordinator), Patty Burns (Faith Community/Fellowship Chair)

Opening by Pastor Jeanne who gives thanks for our time together. In your name we pray for leadership.

Agenda:

Tom Freeman: Catch people up on the Village Green sale. Tom is working on selling the Green to Superior Township. There has been a use agreement for the last 6 years. Events include farmers market, trunk or treat, movie nights. In the use agreement they include the right of first refusal. Superior Township does not have any parks North of Geddes. Township cuts the grass for Dixboro Village Green for last 7 years. Improvements to the school house including putting in a bathroom. This last summer there was tree damage to 200 year old sugar maples. The appraisal was low. Ken, Carl, Tom and Chris Martin are on the committee to sell the Green with special use agreements. Put in place improvements to the Green such as bathrooms. An Attorney will help with conditions of sale. The property can be a park in perpetuity. Is the church ready to begin the sale of the Green. The church needs to make conditions enforceable that are recorded in the sale so that any research of property includes the requirement that it stays a park. Jim Reach is the attorney for the church.

Brent: What happens if our church changes denomination? That would need to be included in the sale.

Kenn - we just inform the church that we are doing this. Committee needs to give permission to proceed with the sale.

Kenn made a motion for the council to give the township permission to approach us on the sale of the Village Green.

Tom Little: How much does the lawyer want? That is not known yet. Tom Freeman hopes the

township will pay the fee for the attorney.

Barb seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Carl - Supports Tom's work with the sale of the Green.

Marilyn - new hospitality person. Looking for regular greeters to welcome people. On November 12 we want to have a list of greeters.

Brent - We have hired Linda to be the new Children's Ministry. Brent will be stepping down at end of the year.

Charles - Money keeps coming in.

Jayne reports through Barb that the cookie walk will be Dec 9, 3-7. We will be calling for cookie donations. Need to talk to Peggy to avoid too many mission projects at the same time. This year donations will be for safe house.

Kenn - We have a new light to cover the new shed. DVG paid for this new light from Huron Valley Light. In the Hallways we have LEDs. In the basement we are waiting for Dec 4-5 to have sump pumps. New outlets to power the pumps have been installed. The outlet in between church and parsonage has been replaced. Brandon park has been updated with new mulch and the equipment cleaned. Maybe they will install a "merry go round" as children are requesting it. Long project list. Kathleen wants a container for name tags. Barb and Tom have suggestions. Bracket to hold the tag behind door.

TomLittle: Can we get a tutorial for the dishwasher? Kenn says the heater does not get warmer than 140 degrees, has not been used in the last two years. Barb says there are instructions on the wall.

Kenn - working on new security/locks

Barb - Nov 12 is laity Sunday. The focus is "I am the Church, You are the Church, We are the Church Together". We will put together a check list for different committees. Get as many people involved as possible.

Linda - slow going right now. Jesus says come and see, this is the wisdom Linda is employing. Linda needs to meet the families and children. The welcome is incredibly warm and the young families are dedicated to staying active with the church. Starting an after school program. Dec 6 will be one date. The church time - she is focused on sharing the worship period with young children. Lately there are up to three kids in the nursery and up to seven in the children's group. After church there will be a Dixboro's friends event on Dec 3 and she needs a volunteer

to play with kids while she talks with families about

Kenn: \$148 a week for Spiffy cleaning service - they want an extra \$15 to pay for supplies for cleaning

Pastor Jeanne: Charge conference is coming up very quickly. Tom will email groups to find out what each committee has accomplished. There are forms such as what we want in a pastor. We will be receiving a new pastor. The conference knows that she is leaving. Jeanne is putting in an early retirement in case she does not get a new appointment. Tom will get together the information for the conference.

All Saints Sunday is the 5th of November. Kenn mentioned that our bell can toll for the recently deceased.

Pastor Jeanne: Bible studies starting on Halloween. There will be in person and on zoom.

We are missing a finance chair.

Brent- closing prayer. Dear God we Thank you for your direction of this group. Thank you for the spirit of cooperation. Thank you for this wonderful church. Thank you we can make decisions and thank you for the ability to pay the lights. Thank you for our spiritual life. In Jesus name Amen.

**Next Meeting:**

Virtual meeting for anything

January 25, 2024 6:30 pm (Barb's Birthday)

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