

**Minutes of
Dixboro UMC Leadership Council Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, January 13, 2021 7:00 to 8:30 PM**

Present: Pastor Jeanne Garza, Reverend Mary, Tom Little (chair), Kenn Scheffer (Trustees), Charles Engle (Financial Sec.), Brent Howlett (Rep to Annual Conf., Discipleship Ministry Chair), Jayne Worthy-Howlett (Pres. DUMW), Harold Tuckett (VCI Coord., Faith Community/Hospitality Chair), Marilyn Pobanz (SPRC), Briana Murphy (Social Justice Coordinator), Patty Burns (Faith Community/Fellowship Chair), Carl Johns, Cathy Freeman (Caring Ministry Chair), Mary Ellen Miller (Secretary), Mary Turfe (Rep to Annual Conf., Lay Leader), Peggy Moran (Mission Ministry Chair)

Missing: Youth member, Randy Hucks (Treasurer)

Devotional time:

Pastor Jeanne – God says to the Israelites - He will be their God and bring them to the Promised Land. We can feel discouraged in these difficult times. Israelites were discouraged from generations of slavery in Egypt. It is hard to see beyond present circumstances, the Israelites could not listen to Moses' encouraging words. We need to learn from the Israelites and call on God and listen to God. Prayer to thank God for being with us and giving us joy and peace.

Minutes of November 11, 2020 approved for distribution to congregation.

Business:

Agenda items:

1. **Brief introduction of new Leadership Council Chair: Tom Little and new Mission Ministry Chair, Peggy Moran**

Welcome to Peggy and Tom!

2. **Devotional (Pastor Jeanne)**
3. **Approval of November 11, 2020 minutes for distribution to congregation.**
4. **Acceptance of written reports of 2020's goal achievements from: Trustees, Finance, SPRC, and the Caring Ministry**
5. **Identify a date to receive and approve goals from the other Ministry Teams- Brent, Harold, Patty, Peggy.**

Talk about this at the next meeting.

Peggy –Plans to meet with committee to gather materials.

6. **Update on the Social Justice Statement Draft from task force.**

Harold, Brie, and Rev Mary – The team met and prepared a draft. The term social justice may still be debated as it means different things to different people. Trying to say why we want to do this. Mock website is available to look at.

Hymns that are now accepted were once controversial.

Important to look at different definitions of justice and social justice – what do the terms mean to different people.

How can we have a good online presence and take action for equality for all?

Some ideas are to have two statements or compromise on the statement.

Potential compromise is to have the link say social justice, but change the first statement to Ken's suggestion "In order to be socially responsible we believe in justice and inclusion for all."

How are we going to present this to the congregation – we will publish the minutes. Also Brie will read the statement Sunday morning, it fits well with sermon this week.

7. Updates on Village Green & School House- Carl

The village green is very active. The opening of the farmers market is planned for May 28th. We will have 21 markets in 2021 with the last one scheduled for Oct 22th. Hoping for trunk or treat this year! If covid prevents trunk or treat then we plan to have an event similar to 2020. We want to renovate the school house. Front porch renovated this fall. Christmas decorations were put up for 2020 but no show. Hoping to have artisans market on the last Friday- yet to be determined. Funds for renovations - we have a local donor for septic field along with running water and bathroom. Match for donations available, but no time table.

July 10th is the movie night, hoping for a better movie than Snow White.

Post on social media the matching funds offer.

Vendor hours the same as 2020, vendors like the 3-6 pm hours.

Kenn says there may be a ukulele band. (The donor leads a ukulele band.)

The town is very supportive of restorations.

8. Potential Dates for 2021 Community Events – Patty

Dates and events are all dependent on health situation.
Probably not going to have Easter Egg hunt in April – sad.

We hope to have a Dixboro block party – we can invite neighbors in Dixboro.

Would also like to host a First responder's picnic, love to have trunk or treat, and trivia nights.

9. Other issues

Brandon Park update – the older equipment has been cleared out. The asphalt will be removed next. The landscaper has been paid 15K to clear out old and start putting new components in place. Dan Brandon will provide a check for the new playground equipment in the spring. Matter of timing and the weather.

Pastor Jeanne will have a retreat in February – summit retreat – we can have as many people as we want. Suggested for leadership team, funds taken from professional development. Talk about the church we were and the church we are moving into. How do we get to know neighbors and their needs?

Date Feb. 26 – 27, Friday night 7 and 9 pm and Saturday morning there are several sessions. Future church leadership summit. Jeanne will provide sign on information for the zoom.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/future-church-summit-tickets-131184914611?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-source=strongmail&utm-term=listing>

Brie will be celebrating her 40th birthday so hopefully there will be a recording for catching up on missed sessions.

10. Closing reading (Mary Turfe)

Jill Savage's Mom passed so prayers for the family.

Jesus our brother you revealed God through your words, guide us to establish the justice you proclaimed.
Amen

11. Set date and agenda for next meeting and potentially dates for the year.

ZOOM link to next meeting on **Feb 16th** at 7 pm (third Tuesday)

Draft Agenda items:

1. Opening
2. Devotional (Rev Mary)
3. Approval of January 13, 2021 minutes for distribution to congregation
4. Acceptance of written reports of 2020's goal achievements from: Trustees, Finance, SPRC, and the Caring Ministry
5. Acceptance of written reports/goals for other Ministry Teams - Brent, Harold, Patty, Peggy (as available)
6. Update on Endowment Fund (Tom Freeman)
7. Other issues
8. Closing reading (Brent)

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