

**Minutes of  
Dixboro UMC Leadership Council Zoom Meeting  
Tuesday, February 16, 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), Cathy Freeman (Caring Ministry Chair), Mary Ellen Miller (Secretary), Mary Turfe (Rep to Annual Conf., Lay Leader), Peggy Moran (Mission Ministry Chair), Tom Freeman, Randy Hucks (Treasurer), Carl Johns

**Missing:** Youth member

**Devotional time (Rev Mary):**

Lent begins tomorrow so next 40 days this is my pursuit. Jesus, just give me Jesus. Do you want to join in? I do not know what it will look like.

Where will you say no?

What will you withhold?

What is distracting you from God?

Do you have the courage to let go?

Where will you say yes? What can you contribute? Serve at church? Collect food for the needy? Random act of kindness? Engage with family?

How will you pray? How will you grow in your prayer life?

Life is busy, but we have to start! Know is the time to have more Jesus.

Please Lord, Lead us on a closer walk with you as we journey towards Easter.

**Minutes of** January 13, 2021 approved for distribution

**Business:**

**1. Acceptance of written reports of 2020 - 2021 goal achievements from: Trustees, Finance, SPRC, and the Caring Ministry**

Caring Team – Chris Martin has joined the team and they are rocking and rolling.

Kenn – An issue is the number of people on trustees board. Jeff Turk can not serve, Rob Chapman has not responded, Ken and Carl do much of the work. Find other sources for work that needs to be done – handy men that can do the work. Moulding trim on baseboard, wiring, and painting.

Mary Ellen – perhaps more parishioners can be involved in repairs?

Pastor Jeanne looking for a finance chair.

**2. Acceptance of written reports/goals for other Ministry Teams - Brent, Harold, Patty, Peggy**

Discipleship team led by Brent Howlett

Mission team led by Peggy Moran

Faith Community: Hospitality team led by Harold Tuckett

Faith Community: Fellowship team led by Patty Burns

Caring team led by Cathy Freeman

### **3. Update on Endowment Fund (Tom Freeman)**

Guest speaker this evening is Tom Freeman to share endowment news. The endowment is part of finance and was established in the late 80s. Morris and Parker were co-mingled for a scholarship fund. It is tracked by a handy spreadsheet Bob Baird put together a few years ago. The funds are Morris, Parker and General endowment. A big accomplishment is the endowment has provided \$50,000 in scholarships to kids. We were waiting for the general endowment to build so it could contribute to the church. It was decided once it reached \$100,000 that it could be tapped.

It states the money is not for recurring expense such as normal operations, but can be used for one-time expenses such as capital improvements.

At the end of 2020 the endowment reached \$100,000+ and it has met the requirement of being at that level for the preceding 4 quarters ranging from \$103,000 to \$104,000. As a result 4% is available for a one time expense for the coming year. So ~4,000 is available.

What is the process for using the funds? The leadership council would make decision based on recommendation from finance. The leadership council would act by resolution and trustees would cut check.

The fund is invested using an SNL diverse collection of funds with fidelity. Under most models you can withdraw 4% and the principle will maintain itself.

Create a list of possible expenses and ideas so we can prioritize? Next time we meet, assemble list of ideas be sure to attach estimates of cost with the ideas.

What if there is a split in the church? This endowment would probably stay with Dixboro. None of the funding in the endowment is from the annual budget, it has always been separate.

### **4. Other issues**

Pastor Jeanne - Summit 26 and 27<sup>th</sup> – Pastor Jeanne will send out a link and the Future Church Summit is being recorded. She will also help everyone set up to listen to the live stream and breakout within our group. We will use the leadership zoom account to watch Rev Mary's livestream of the event.

### **5. Closing reading (Brent)**

Psalm 46 – rely on God in times of strife. God is a safe place to hide.  
Calm my fears – nothing is unknown to God, calm my fears with the knowledge that God goes before you and replace fear with faith in your unending love.

Services tomorrow at noon and 7pm. Live a noon.  
Pick up 9 – 11 am for Lenten bags.

### **6. Set date and agenda for next meeting and potentially dates for the year.**

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

Draft Agenda items:

1. Opening
2. Devotional (Harold?)
3. Approval of February 16, 2021 minutes for distribution to congregation
4. Closing reading (Harold?)

Meeting adjourned,

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ellen Miller

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