

**Minutes of Dixboro UMC Leadership Council Zoom Meeting
August 24, 2023 7:00pm**

Present in Person: Tom Little, Chair; Barbara Scheffer, Lay Leader; Rev. Jeanne Garza, clergy; Charles Engle, Mary Ellen Miller; Brent Howlett

Present on ZOOM: Briana Murphy, Social Justice Coordinator, Peggy Moran & Kenn Scheffer, Chair of Trustees

Present as church member: Tom Freeman

Opening Prayer:

Pastor Jeanne – Gives thanks for our time together as church and community. Please lead us Holy Spirit in our discussions.

Barb: Village Green Inc is planning for the 200-year anniversary next Aug 2,3,4 of 2024. Schedule is being worked on and we are hoping for the blessing of the animals at the end on Sunday and some activity on Saturday. Fireworks on Friday after the farmer's market. Need to schedule around other local towns having 200 anniversary. Lots of members involved. The village green would like to know how the church would like to contribute. Do we want an event, a tour of the church?

Two speakers arranged. The Arbor Consort will sing on Saturday, Aug 3, 2023.

Food trucks will be arranged.

One speaker will be Dan Manning, author of book about John Dix, Ed Martin will be with him.

Tom Freeman: Selling the Village Green to Superior township. There was interest in meeting the appraiser, Paul Bidwell, the client that Paul Bidwell is working for is Superior Township and we cannot meet with him. He will answer questions we have through Ken Schwartz. It was a difficult comparable as nothing to compare too. In its current zoning as public space it is not worth much.

The township has always considered it tax exempt.

Appraisal cost \$9,000, the building is aesthetically pleasing but not functional in a modern sense. The inside is another story!

Tom wants to bring it to the church as a whole to decide whether or not to sell the green to the town of Superior.

Barb: Putting together the next edition of Laity Links Highlights of this meeting.

Charles – all good

Kenn – Trouble in the basement. The restoration people were there trying to dry out the basement. Might happen again tonight. Kenn thinks it will be expensive to get this fixed. Concern about foot of water in the lower level. Have the furnace checked that may have been impacted by the flooding. The

sump pump does not drain to it, the basement is not flat... There is a drain on the Bilko doors that go nowhere.

The carpet/flooring people, the molding is still not sticking. They have come out 4 to 5 times to fix, but not solved yet.

Huron Valley electric – we need to replace/repair flood light. The shed was broken into, so we need to repair or replace it. We also need new lights in the sanctuary. A new light in the parlor is needed as it is broken. We need to change incandescent to LEDs in the hallways. Brian might help replace the lights.

Tree cutting in Brandon park from damage due to the previous storm before this most recent storm. Tree was removed near the door. Asked Dave Brandon to look at replenishment of woodchips for playground.

Parsonage will need bunch of work after Pastor Jeanne leaves. Big concern about basement. We only had a week to get ready for Jeanne four years ago. Probably same issue when Jeanne leaves – Kenn asks for information, Jeanne is planning on leaving in mid-June to move to Indiana.

Pastor Jeanne noticed water in the parsonage in the area where the laundry room was. In the main room closest to the bedroom the wall is wet.

Peggy: Missions is in the process requesting for 2024 to raise budget to \$7,600. This is to help the Baldwin center. Pastor Jeanne said Peggy should request this raise from Randy who will bring it to the committee.

Brie: She is working on social justice during children's message. She is interested in a social justice activity for churches. She is involved in crop walk.

Brent: Working on hiring a youth minister. A couple of applications, but it is a daunting task. Candidates are not a match for what we are looking for.

Pastor Jeanne: Charge conference is being scheduled around a hectic schedule..... So stay tuned.

Faith is the new Tech specialist.

Next meeting is October 26th on the books. Brie has parent teacher conference that night. Keep date for know and adjust if needed.

Tom is closing us in prayer – Thank you Lord for being with us and help us to keep you in our minds for all we do.