

**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES (On Zoom + in person)**  
**March 27, 2023**

Members present: **Rev. Ruth Merriam, Dwight Cooper (chairperson), Gene Anastasio, Kitty Cogley, Patsy Tessier, Judy Meserve, Kay Gregory, Vicki Record, Connie Greenleaf, and Pat McKee**

Joys and Concerns were shared.

The Secretary's report from February 20, 2023, was approved as presented.

**Ministry Reports:**

**Lay Leader:** Patsy stated her Lay Leader report would be comingled with the SPRC report with a discussion on the proposed changes to the church.

**Sunday School:** No report

**Trustees:** No report.

**Staff Parish Relations Committee:** There will be a Congregational meeting Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup> to vote on joining the cooperative of the River Churches. Patsy said she was grateful to District Superintendent Tully for coming to HAUMC and speaking with us. Some people are looking for all the answers, but that's not possible, we need faith. Patsy appreciates everyone's input. We would like everyone to be able to vote on this so votes will be taken through email. On Sunday there will be an anonymous written ballot. The DS needs approval/disapproval quickly, and there will be a Charge Conference at the appropriate time.

**Stewardship & Finance:** There will be two Spring Fundraisers: A Foodless Supper letter will be sent out and we'll be doing May Baskets again this year. Finance is in charge of the Community Supper in May.

The church is in the black financially. There is approximately \$11,000 in the checking account and \$19,467 in the Memorial Fund.

**Worship Committee:** The Worship Committee will be meeting April 18. New Member Sunday will be April 2<sup>nd</sup> and two new members will be presented. Holy Week services are all set.

Maundy Thursday will be at Randolph UMC at 5:00pm with a pot luck supper and congregants will be sharing when they felt closest to God. Good Friday service will be at HAUMC at 7:00pm. Easter Sunday sunrise service will be held at the Gardiner waterfront. Phil will be providing breakfast following that. Easter Service will be at 9:30am.

**UM Women/ United Women in Faith:** The budget was passed at the last meeting. It allowed for an increase in the funding to missions supported by the UWF. They are planning a pot luck supper on 4/24.

**UM Men:** The recent breakfast had 11 participants.

**Caring Team:** The team has been reaching out to members of the church who cannot come to worship services.

**Community Suppers:** There was a long discussion concerning the Community suppers. Recently, there have been complaints from the workers who found the attendees to be rude and unkind. In the past, people would come to the suppers, eat, talk, and if there were any leftovers the food was boxed up and taken. Now the dinners seem to be more of a

take out service. Servers are being verbally abused and some attendees seem to have a negative attitude which they take out on workers. Some servers are no longer willing to volunteer. Is it time to stop doing this? We heard that Pam thinks we should continue. Since it was set up by GAMA it was felt our concerns should be brought to them. Pat stated that there were other churches involved at one time, but no longer. Maybe it's time to move on from this and find another ministry.

\*Ruth stated she will bring this issue up at the next GAMA meeting on 4/10 – not to look for permission but looking for information. It was thought it was necessary to get Pam involved. Deferred until our next meeting.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Ruth thanked all the people who participated and helped cook/serve at the Ukrainian Festival yesterday. The Pastor will be on vacation the week of April 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**Benevolence:** There is \$1,385.52 in the Benevolence Fund.

### **Old Business:**

1. **Use of Discretionary Funds / Credit Card:** The necessary signature cards have been completed for the checking account. Pat has the debit card. The accounts which are necessary to put on the debit card are now being moved. It was asked where to keep the card. Since there really is no secure place at the church, Pat will keep it locked up at home.

### **New Business:**

1. **Camp Mechuwana Scholarship:** Since HAUMC does not have any young people to go to camp, would it be possible for the church to sponsor another child? Camp Mecuwana reached out and said they had a family in Readfield with 3 children wanting to attend Camp. The cost would be \$835 to send 2 children to Day Camp and 1 child to Overnight Camp.
  - A motion was made to send 2 children to Day Camp and 1 child to Overnight Camp using \$835 from the Robinson Fund. This motion was seconded and approved.
2. **Cooperative Parish Proposal:** Discussed previously.

**Next meeting tentatively scheduled for May 1, 2023, at 6:30pm**