

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES (On Zoom + in person)
May 22, 2023

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

Joys and Concerns were shared.

The Secretary's report from May 1, 2023, was approved as presented.

Ministry Reports:

Sunday School: No report

Trustees: No report

Lay Leader / Staff Parish Relations Committee: Patsy gave us an update on the Combined Cooperative Parish saying it may take a year for things to come together. And the first two months could be challenging. The Cooperative is looking for people to fill in on Sundays. Ann Carter, from Hallowell is the contact point. In July and August, the new pastor will be visiting the churches at least once on a rotating basis. HAUMC and Randolph UMC may worship at each other's church on occasion. Patsy has been working with the Cooperative to set up worship schedule. On 6/25 Pat will preach.

Sunday School: No report

Trustees: No report

Stewardship & Finance:

Gene has stepped down as Financial Treasurer. As backup Treasurer, Pat has been filling in. May payroll has been done and all bills have been paid. She has reviewed all government reports.

- A motion was made, seconded, and approved to appoint Pat McKee as the new Financial Treasurer.

This Committee's appreciation goes to Gene for all the work he has done as Treasurer. The SPRC Committee will acknowledge Gene. Pat mentioned that Gene's name would have to be removed from the bank signature card. An assistant Treasurer will need to be found.

Worship Committee: The question was asked: What will be the Committee role going forward? Laity have been doing a lot of this work now and will continue to do so for the next two months. It was suggested the Worship Committee could help recruit lay people to help lead worship services. Aside from speakers, we need to design the structure of worship.

On May 7th Pastor Ruth will be doing two different sermons for HAUMC and Randolph UMC.

On 5/14 there will be a Mother's Day sermon with Cindy Malcolm

5/21 HAUMC will have a congregants choice sermon.

5/29 is Pentecost – please wear red.

UM Women/ United Women in Faith: There will be a potluck supper scheduled for 5/24. There will be one more coffee hour in June, then no more until October.

UM Men: No report.

Community Suppers: There are new rules concerning the Community Suppers. Only people dining in will be able to have a take-out dinner and the stipulation is one per diner. This information will be given to the diners. Other churches reported problems with some patrons. Entitlement has been an issue. After discussion, the committee decided to give this new procedure a try and discuss again in the fall. Pastor Ruth will be helping June 4th.

Caring Team: The team continues to reach out to members of the church and coordinate visits. They have been going to the Alzheimer Unit in Gardiner once a month. On 6/21 Sandy will lead a sing-a-long with Flo Rost and on 7/5 they will visit Joan Cummings.

Pastor's Report:

Pentecost will be celebrated this Sunday.

6/4 will be observed as Memorial Sunday

6/11 will be the baptism of Addie Chadbourne. This will be Ruth's last sermon at HAUMC.

6/18 will feature Dick doing a Father's Day sermon.

6/25 Pat McKee will lead worship.

On Wednesday Ruth will attend a transition workshop. On Friday she will have her exit interview with the SPRC Committee.

Financial Reports

Pat reported there is currently \$12,021 in the General Fund.

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

Old Business:

New Business:

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for June 26, 2023, at 6:30pm

ADDENDUM #1: A motion was made via email (dated 6/28/23) that \$300 from the Robinson Fund be given to Nora and Courtney for traveling and moving expenses. Emails were sent to Administrative Council members and responses tallied. The motion was passed.

ADDENDUM #2: A motion was made via email (dated 7/12/23) that Pat McKee be elected as the second representative on the River Churches Cooperative Council representing HAUMC. Emails were sent to Administrative Council members and responses tallied. The motion was passed.

ADDENDUM #3: A motion was made via email (dated 7/23/23) that \$500 from the Robinson Fund be given to the Chrysalis Place food bank. Emails were sent to Administrative Council members and responses tallied. The motion was passed.