

Church Council Meeting- Minutes



17 August, 2025 / NEUMC

Attendees:

Weston Cheatham
Gaye Christmus
Stephen Crowell
Antoinette Gaboton-Moss
Larry Griner
Charlie Henry

Herb Hilmer
Debbo Lackore
Mary Anne Lockard
Michael Munn
Bob Shaffner

OTHERS:

Agenda

Opening Prayer and/or Devotion	Pastor Antoinette Gaboton-Moss
Review and Approve Minutes	Mary Anne Lockard
Reports	
Ministries	
Nurture Ministry	Debbo Lackore
Outreach and Witness Ministries	<p>Gaye Christmus, Jane DeCristofaro</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met this week • Decided to wait until January before offering fresh food due to Pumpkin Patch and Angel Tree commitments. • Back pack ministry will resume 1st Sunday in September. Heather will meet with school social worker to determine the number of back packs needed. • Appreciative of Youth collecting food at the Pumpkin Patch. • Discussion was held to emphasize the importance of turning in receipts for credit towards paying Apportionments. • Publix donated a freezer full of bread for the Blessing Box.
Worship Team	<p>Stephen Crowell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on a plan to include more musicians in the Sunday service. • Christmas music will be less of a cantata and feature more congregation participation.
Lay Leaders	<p>Larry Griner, Jane Scott, Stephen Crowell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lay leaders will meet to provide nominations for next year in the coming weeks.
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Youth Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth had a successful pool party Confirmation classes will begin August 24. Currently, 3 participants are enrolled. Planning for Pumpkin Patch: September 20, Set up 10 AM September 27, Pumpkin delivery 9 AM September 28, Pumpkin Patch opens Opening earlier will give us more days to sell pumpkins A box will be provided for collecting items for the Blessing Box. Collections will be advertised on a sign made for the fence in front of the church, the electronic sign, and at Spring Valley High School.
United Methodist Men	Herb Hilmer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men began their new Bible study last week with 7 members present. They are hoping the new study will help attract more members. Discussed the possibility of the men's group helping the youth. Thanks were given to Dan Christmus for painting the Blessing Box.
United Women in Faith	Sylvia Cousin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women resumed their meetings in August. Forms have been completed for the District estimating approximately 3600 volunteer hours were devoted to projects to help children last year. \$300 will be donated for the programs the United Women in Faith support. (Killingsworth ,Bethlehem, and Wallace Center)
Administrative Committees	
Finance Committee	James Cook <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did not meet last Wednesday Finishing details of Endowment Charter Council voted to accept Endowment Charter Beginning to work on budget for 2026. Discussed plans to encourage increased giving. The suggestion of passing the offering plate was implemented this Sunday. Discussed ways to increase giving toward Apportionment debt. Several suggestions were made to help congregation understand our obligation. Charlie Henry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the beginning of the year our mortgage balance was \$287,000. Since the beginning of the year the committee has received commitments of \$167,741. As of August 2025, our remaining mortgage balance is \$137,000. While Charlie is out of town, Gail Lucky will cover in August, and Larry Griner will cover in October.
SPRC	Bob Shaffner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee met last month As Pastor Antoinette advances in applying to the Board of Ordained Ministry, the church will provide a minister one Sunday a month, allowing her the extra time needed for her preparation.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Review for Pastor Antoinette is scheduled for the coming months.
Trustees	<p>Mike Munn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The men's bathroom in the Educational Building is scheduled for repair. • The communion cabinet door has been repaired. • A coffee vendor will provide services in the Pumpkin Patch on Saturday mornings.
Report of the Pastor	<p>Pastor Antoinette Gaborton-Moss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 pastoral needs and follow-ups in August • 21 birthdays in August • The Nominations committee will meet on August 28 providing nominations for 2026. • Prospective new members class is going well. • Charge Conference October 19 (3-6 PM): This event will be a cluster charge conference meeting held at our church. Appointments will be scheduled in 30 minute slots. The meeting offers a good opportunity for others to visit our campus and possibly shop at the Pumpkin Patch.
Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No other business
Closing Prayer	Stephen Crowell

Submitted by:
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