

Church Council Meeting- Minutes



14 December 2025 / NEUMC

Attendees:

Weston Cheatham
Gaye Christmus
Sylvia Cousin
Stephen Crowell
Jane DeCristofaro
Antoinette Gaboton-Moss
Larry Griner

Charlie Henry
Debbo Lackore
Mary Anne Lockard
Michael Munner
Jane Scott
Jennifer Wargel

OTHERS:
Tom DeCristofaro
Christopher Wargel

Agenda

Opening Prayer and/or Devotion	Jennifer Wargel
Review and Approve Minutes	Mary Anne Lockard
Reports	
Ministries	
Nurture Ministry	<p>Debbo Lackore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Report
Outreach and Witness Ministries	<p>Gaye Christmus, Jane DeCristofaro</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Angel Tree project is almost completed. 5 families collected gifts on Saturday, and other families have been contacted. Special thanks to Heather Cook for coordinating with the agencies. Melissa Sansolo provided a holiday meal for each family. Blessing Box continues to be in high demand. Jane and Tom DeCristofaro shop and fill the box. Meals in bags continue to be very much in demand. Suggestion was made to ask churches in the area to choose one month to designate funds and supplies to the Blessing Box. Northeast will host the MLK service in January, and plans are being made to donate money collected at this service to the Blessing Box.
Worship Team	<p>Stephen Crowell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music is planned through Christmas with carols continuing into January. Weston and Walker are coordinating music for the Christmas Eve service.
Lay Leaders	<p>Larry Griner, Jane Scott, Sylvia Cousin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Report

Youth Group	<p>Weston Cheatham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Christmas Eve Service • Preparing for Revolution in January
United Methodist Men	<p>Herb Hilmer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing to meet at Schaino's
United Women in Faith	<p>Sylvia Cousin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women will meet at Mary Mason's house today. Next year the women plan to change their meeting time to 2nd Sunday after church. • Sylvia asked for nominations for next year's officers. Melissa Sansolo volunteered to serve as the new president. New officers will be installed at the District Planning meeting in January. • An emergency meeting was held to donate \$370 to Killingsworth for food. The Killingsworth cook suffered a stroke and churches have been volunteering to fill in the void. Mary Mason has volunteered for NEUMC. • Jane Scott will be District Treasurer next year.
Administrative Committees	
Finance Committee	<p>James Cook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting was held this month. • The committee feels confident the mortgage will be paid off in the next few months. • The committee asks the church to define new goals for when we no longer have the mortgage financial burden. • Coin jar for collecting loose change will be placed in the narthex. • Mortgage is now below \$100,000.
SPRC	<p>Bob Shaffner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The report due November 14 is now completed. This report along with the form confirming the pastor's desire to remain at Northeast will be taken to the District Office tomorrow.
Trustees	<p>Mike Munn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No December meeting • No repairs needed at this time

<p>Report of the Pastor</p>	<p>Pastor Antoinette Gaborton-Moss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to James for setting goals for the 2026 planning. It is important we look beyond the mortgage. Pastor Antoinette greatly desires to remain at Northeast, but it is important to remember, when a pastor leaves, the mission continues. • New leaders will be introduced on January 4. Nominations and Leadership committees will meet in January. • Suggestions for 2026 plans include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. adopting a Soldier 2. Encouraging more lay speakers (There are 4 5th Sundays in 2026) • NEUMC will host the community MLK program on January 25. • Paper ornaments were bought and sent to member families who do not regularly attend. • 6 Pastoral Calls Please remember Barry and Tammy Sloop in your prayers. • 15 Birthday cards sent
<p>Other Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No other business
<p>Closing Prayer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sylvia Cousin

Submitted by:
Mary Anne Lockard, Recording Secretary