

Cheshire United Methodist Church
Church Council
October 14, 2025

Present: Pastor Steve, Mark Gilleylen, Cynthia Decker, Jim Jackson, Ceighton Myers, Matt Heafy, Barb Heafy, Ned Connelly, Gerry Connelly. Dian Gaborc Brian Sullivan, Mara Weed, Jenn Roeder, Carolyn Kelly, Dot Mattson

Call to Order: Mark called the meeting to order at 7:05

Opening Devotional: Jenn shared a reading on gratitude to open the meeting

Review of September meeting and minutes: Matt moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Carolyn. The minutes were unanimously accepted.

Pastors Report: Steve Kim

- Steve is enjoying the Monday Chosen meetings
- We are having a Trunk or Treat for the community on Oct 26th, Please participate and help to advertise this event
- Steve thanked the group for last Sunday's pastor appreciation celebration
- Laity Sunday is this week
- His goal is to center on the children in the church this year
- He is asking prospective new members to meet after church on the next two Sundays

Staff Parish Relations: Barb Heafy

- Barb reported that they are doing staff reviews.
- The celebration for pastor recognition Sunday went well.
- Because of the move, the Pastors reimbursement fund is used up. Barb motioned to increase the \$6400 budget by up to \$1750 to meet predicted needs for the last quarter. Matt seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Finance: Ned Connelly

- The 2025 budget is still on plan for the predicted \$20K shortfall. With monthly expenses of about \$25,000, we may have to withdraw some funds from the endowment fund.
- We will begin our Pledge drive on Sunday and plan to present a budget at our Nov 11th Council meeting. This will allow a budget to be available for submittal at the Nov 16th Charge Conference.
- The plate income is stable.

Trustees: Creighton Myers

- The parsonage driveway and chimney are now in good shape
- We are saving about \$136 monthly on electricity
- We have purchased 2 electronic timers at \$119 each for the outside lights and sign. A trustee donated these to the church
- We are looking at consolidating fire and security vendors
- We are up to date with our water testing; however our last lead/copper report was submitted late. We may be required to post a sign at all water sources stating such.
- We are awaiting bills from Brookside. Creighton has contacted them
- The fall cleanup is on Nov 8

Balance in the trustee Accounts:	Memorial Garden	\$6,061
	Memorial Fund	\$8,609
	Capital Fund	\$28,591
	Investments:	\$429,000

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- Carolyn questioned the Memorial Fund balance as the only withdrawal should have been the banners for about \$2000. There was \$19,000 last month. Trustee's will investigate this to see what the withdrawals were.

Music: Mara Weed

- Mara shared that Jessie McCarty has offered to give the Choir a vocal training lesson after church on Nov 2. All are invited.

Cooperative Parrish: Sue Trumbo

- The Cooperative Parish Council met in person at Grace UMC on September on 23. The meeting was well-attended. Representing CUMC were Pastor Steve, Jenn Roeder and Sue Trumbo. The focus of the meeting was discussing ways to get our 7 parishes working, worshipping, and fellowshipping together, while also acknowledging the goal of the Cooperative to represent Christ in the community, and the world. It is felt that the Cooperative Parish has a lot of good ideas but there is a certain element of inertia when it comes to engaging in activities outside of your own parish.
- The next meeting will be held on Zoom on October 28.

Technology: Matt Heafy

- Matt reported that we are trying to be strategic in our approach. Deb and Jim Long have been carrying the load.
- We will move to YouTube in November for online broadcasts. The link will be provided on our church website for viewing. It was mentioned that our website needs updating as does our Instagram.

Education: Brian Sullivan

- Brian reported the need to replace one teacher for Sunday school

Missions: Jenn Roeder

- Jenn reported that food pantry contributions continue
- we will be having a coat drive
- CUMC is responsible for providing 80+ boxes of stuffing for the Thanksgiving effort.
- There will be a meeting next week

Membership: Cindy Decker

- Cindy reported one baptism last month. Gianna Weed

Worship: Lisa Moran

- Lisa reported that all is well. Many have commented on the new banners

At large:

- Dot Mattson reported that apple pies will be made on Nov 22 and chicken pot pies will be later in the year perhaps February

Safety Committee:

- Diane, Mark, and Steve met on Sunday to discuss getting this committee up and running

Intellectual Property:

- Tabled - Steve has not yet been able to discuss this with other churches

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There being no other business Gerry moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40, seconded by Mara.
All approved

Reminder: all committee reports are due by Nov 2

The next meeting will be on Nov 11, 2025, at 7PM

Respectively submitted,

Cynthia Decker, Secretary