

Attendees: Beth Bouwens, Eric Coons, Kathy Force, Don and Joan Haussener, Myrna and Jim Hawbaker, Brad Hinman, Rev. Fred Kelsey, Bob Lord, Mort Gridley, Emma Mosch, Shirley Smith, Butch and Kim Snyder.

Beth opened with prayer.

Minutes from the June meeting were approved.

Don Haussener agreed to be recording secretary.

Youth (Eric Coons)

Had a discussion at the Youth Group on the topic "What is Safe and What is Real." Information youth receive over the Cell Phone was a real eye opening. Plan to write a letter to the youth parents making them aware of this problem. Don suggested that a Family Night Supper have the same topic presented in the fall.

UMW (Emma Mosch)

Joan and Emma sorted the rummage and Northern Tier Children Home collected.

Missions (Mort Gridley)

Nothing new to report

Trustees (Brad Hinman)

Old sign removed. Working on lighting of the new sign. Working on construction of music storage room into Choir Room. Also doing small projects at the Parsonage. Planning to do tile floor in the kitchen.

Outreach (Bob Lord)

Blood Drive collected 41 pints on July 13. Salvation Army Dinner September 20. Need coordinator for Chicken Bar-B-Q on September 19. This is for Missions. If we do not have the Bar-B-Q then we would have lasagna. Discussion on why Food Pantry is not working. Decided to have last Sunday of each month designated as Food Pantry. This will start on September 27.

SPRC (Kathy Force)

Nothing new to report.

Butch & Kim Snyder

Will check with the director of Food Pantry and see if she can come to the Sunday worships on September 27 to give a five-ten minute presentation on the Food Pantry.

Pastor (Beth Bouwens)

August 3 – November 30 – Nigeria

August 15 – Newsletter due

Still need to pursue Mentoring Training for church leadership roles.

Vacation Bible School – expect 50-60 children. Still needs Crew Leader.

Sixteen campers are going to Casawasco

Safe Sanctuary – had two training sessions – twenty-five attended the first one and eight for the second one. Don made the motion, seconded by Bob and approved by all to pay for background check out of the Welch Fund. Cost is \$6.50 per person.

Rev. Kelsey will be on vacation August 12-25. Will inform people to call Myrna or Joan and they will have the contact for a minister.

Christian Ed – starting in the fall. Elementary/Middle School class – teachers being lined up. Kim Snyder will teach Middle School. Time 9:30-10:15 AM.

Nancy Huber organizing small groups for the fall.

Disciple I will be held at the Grace United Methodist Church with Kathy Turnbole as facilitators starting in September at 5:30-7:30 PM - Cost \$35.00.

Fred Kelsey teaching class “Living Fully/Dying Well” in the fall for 6-8 weeks - Time to be determined.

Bible Study possibly at night.

Church Conference – Tentative October 21 at 7:30 PM.

Shepherds – Shepherds have been selected and contacts are done.

Gene Tobey has donated new Allen Organ in memory of his mother, Helen B. Tobey.

Beth to return contract to Robert M. Sides, Williamsport, PA July 15. Don and Joan will coordinate installation when organ arrives. Motion made by Brad and seconded by Don to order the 6-10 year extended labor warranty on the Allen instrument. Cost is \$1500 at the time of the sale, which is half the total cost. The first five years labor warranty is on the entire installation. Approved by all. The cost will be taken from the Memorial Fund or from the Foundation.

Kathy Force made the motion that during Rev. Fred Kelsey four-month pastorate at Caton United Methodist Church, his official office be designated at his home located at 203 Upland Run, Horseheads, New York where his land phone and office computer are located. Therefore, he will be reimbursed for mileage at the current IRS rate, which is \$.55 from his designated office while performing his duties for the church. Rev. Kelsey will provide voucher. Seconded by Brad and approved by all.

Worship (Shirley Smith)

Rev. Kelsey will have office hour on Mondays from 11:00-1:00 PM.

October 4 – World Wide Communion – Shirley to bring her dolls and flags. If anyone else has items, they are asked to bring.

All Saints Sunday in November 1.

Lay Leader (Myrna Hawbaker)

Nothing new to report.

Finance (Don and Jim)

Income into general fund was \$48,767 for the first half of the year. Total income was \$63,673.00. Jim reported on Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet.

**Date for next Council Meetings: No meeting in August
September 10 – 7:00 PM**