

**Attendees:** Mort Gridley, Connie Powell, Pastor Beth, Nancy Huber, Don & Joan Haussener, Jim & Mryna Hawbaker and Steve Ritter.

### **Topics of Discussion**

1. Review of minutes from last meeting. Offered by Joan. No comments or changes were requested.
2. UMW Update(Connie Powell)
  - a. A meeting of the UMW was held on September 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. The 2011 budget was passed.
  - c. Karen Peterson will attend the UMW meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. A chicken & biscuit dinner will be held on October 16<sup>th</sup> to support the General Fund. An announcement for this event will be in the church bulletin and newsletter.
3. Lay Leader Update (Mryna Hawbaker)
  - a. Advance Lay Speaker training course to be held on September 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Distributed minutes from Upper NY State Annual Conference meeting held on September 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. There was a recommendation at the annual conference to increase Pastor salaries by 2%.
  - d. The Pastor Health insurance costs will increase by \$2200 in 2011.
  - e. Shared Ministries (aka Apportionments) is now called "Ministry Share".
  - f. The date of the 2011 annual conference has been set for June 8, 2011 and will be held in Rochester.
  - g. CUMC is now part of the Mountain View District of the Upper NY State Conference.
  - h. The District Superintendent's office is located in Corning, NY.
  - i. The annual charge conference for CUMC is scheduled for 7pm on October 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - j. **ACTION:** The SPRC will need to have the necessary forms completed prior to the Charge Conference on October 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - k. **ACTION:** Pastor Beth will schedule a meeting with the SPRC, trustees and Lay Leadership to prepare for the October 28<sup>th</sup> Charge Conference.
4. Eric Hope Memorial (Mort Gridley)
  - a. Mort gave an overview of the Eric Hope Memorial and distributed a handout with additional information.
  - b. A website has been created in support of this memorial fund.  
[www.ericshopefund.com](http://www.ericshopefund.com).
  - c. **ACTION:** Don Haussener to address the question regarding whether the memorial funds will be managed via the Conference Investment Fund or put into CUMC's savings account.
  - d. **ACTION:** The Memorial Committee (Bea Wilson) & Diane Hawkins will work with Mahlon (sp?) to manage the process for sending thank you letters to contributors.
  - e. **ACTION:** The Church Council will need to identify a new Camping Agent that will administer Eric's Hope Fund.
  - f. The following motion was made by Don Haussener: A motion to approve the creation of Eric's Hope Fund. The motion was seconded by Connie Powell. All present voted to approve the motion. There were no votes to oppose the motion.
5. Update from Pastor Beth
  - a. Disciple 1 had its first meeting. Twelve people attended. This group will continue to meet each Tuesday evening from 7pm until 9pm.
  - b. The Salvation Army dinner is scheduled for September 26<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.
  - c. **ACTION:** The Crop Walk is scheduled for October 24<sup>th</sup>. A leader needs to be identified for this event. The name of the leader needs to be provided to Gary

McAslen (sp?). Funds raised from the Crop Walk will benefit food pantries in the area.

- d. A meeting with Bishop Mathews will be held on October 13<sup>th</sup> from 7pm until 8:30pm at the Oakwood UMC in Elmira heights. Members of the Mountain View District are welcome.
  - e. The CUMC Harvest Dinner is scheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm until 6:30pm.
  - f. Pastor Beth will be at Drew University from October 19<sup>th</sup> until October 21. Sue Portwood will lead the Disciple 1 class in Beth's absence.
  - g. The next CUMC blood drive is scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup>. Dave and Nancy Johnson are coordinating this event.
  - h. Stewardship programs/approaches were discussed at this council meeting.
  - i. **ACTION:** Pastor Beth will draft a letter for this year's stewardship program.
  - j. **ACTION:** Joan will check the printing costs at STAPLES for the stewardship program.
  - k. **ACTION:** Don will draft a message for the church newsletter and church bulletin regarding the current deficit in the church's Ministry Share.
6. Finance Chair (Don Haussener) & Treasurer (Jim Hawbaker) Update
- a. The church's YTD financial statements were presented and discussions were held on same.
7. Other Topics & Action Items
- a. The next Church Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
  - b. **ACTION:** Pastor Beth to discuss with the trustees the matter of cleaning the exterior of the entrance to the church.