



STEPHENTOWN FEDERATED CHURCH

General Committee Meeting

Approved Minutes

December 22, 2020

NOTE: This meeting was conducted via “ZOOM”

- Unused door fund monies have been moved over to the Painting Fund.
- The Men’s Group will pay for installation of outdoor lights in the front and they donated money to buy gifts for the Angel Tree families.
- SonShiners – donated money to purchase gift cards for Angel Tree families and ministers.
- Fuel tanks have been topped off (we have gone through about 320 gallons since the last fill in April).
- The congregation has been very generous – the church is in good shape financially (despite the pandemic).
- Photo-taking for the Silent Night portion of the Christmas Eve service was successful. Photos may be viewed online – December 24th services. Many thanks to the Eckhardt family for our Christmas tree and outdoor lighting - community feedback was very positive!
- Brian has been plowing and Jonathan has been shoveling both the church and the Manse – many thanks!
- Everyone agrees that the outside paint is peeling very badly and must be taken care of in 2021.

- Bev and Keith monitor alarms for heat in both buildings. Larry and Ted also keep an eye on things in person. The heater needs to be put back in the Manse basement now that it has gotten colder. Need to purchase ice melt.
- Need to call Phelps (again) about the loose shingle on the Pierce Hall roof. Yellow tape needs to go up around the church because of heavy snow that can fall from the roof. The fuel tank is well marked.
- Need to check out the Manse ceiling – we may have a problem with carpenter ants. Will have to wait till the spring.
- The Food Pantry supplied about 45 requests for Christmas baskets.
- Arrangements were made to send 6 poinsettias to members of the congregation.
- Committee is working on guidelines for reopening – tabled until the January meeting.
- January 10 – Council and Session meetings (Zoom).
- January 17 – Annual meeting (Zoom) with input from new Methodist superintendent
- Offering envelopes are available – on the table in the vestibule.
- Discussion regarding apportionment and how important it is that everyone pay their share.

Next meeting – January 26, 2021