



STEPHENTOWN FEDERATED CHURCH  
General Committee Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2021

- X (Chair) - Monthly Leader – Larry/Heather Eckhardt
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| X Arlene Longo (Secretary)             | X Barb Terpening (Treasurer)         |
| X Ted Bears (Men’s Group)              | A Kate Beach (SonShiners)            |
| X Heather Eckhardt (Session)           | X Joy Lowenthal/ <b>Mary Schnyer</b> |
| X Jean Bolen (Council)                 | (Christ Ed – Co-Chairs)              |
| X Larry Eckhardt (Session), Fac. Chair | <u>Vacant</u> – <b>Pastor</b>        |
| X Tom Foody – (Council)                | X Bev Westfall (Choir ,Worship Cmt)  |

**NOTE: This meeting was conducted via “ZOOM” due to COVID 19**

**Opening Prayer** – Larry opened the meeting with prayer.

**Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

**Approval of Minutes** – Several minor corrections were noted to the January 26, 2021 Minutes. Barb made a motion to accept the Minutes with the changes; it was seconded by Jean and passed with all in favor.

**NOTE:** Approved Meeting Minutes will be posted monthly to the website.

**Treasurer's Report** – Discussion – quite a few CD's maturing in 2021 – hopefully, interest rates will improve by then. Mary made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Heather and passed with all in favor.

### **Committee/ Group Reports**

**Choir – (Bev)** - Nothing to report

**Men's Breakfast – (Ted)** – Nothing to report

**Son-Shiners** – Nothing to report

**Worship Committee – (Bev)** – We are all set through September. Bev will be calling a meeting to touch base. Discussion about possibly having an Easter Sunrise Service (April 4<sup>th</sup>). If so, Bev needs time to plan – need to decide before the March meeting.

The Methodist report (EZRA) was completed and sent in. Larry is working on the Presbytery report (there was a problem with the website).

**Search committee – (Bev)** – Nothing new

- **Building Facilitator:** Larry met with Kirk regarding a quote for Hardy Plank – the last quote was done March of 2020 and needs to be updated and we would like a comparison to siding. Discussion about Hardy Plank: Tom has it on his house, and he has a 60-year guarantee; it comes in white and looks like siding; does it go over the existing clapboard? Should we insulate (or Tyvek) while we are at it? Ted noted that **all of Pierce Hall (not the church) has plywood under the clapboard and that it may have to be removed for Hardy Plank to be installed, otherwise it would stick out beyond the wood trim. If any of the ply-wood is rotted, it would need to be removed and replaced.**
- No heat alarms went off this past month.

- Jonathan has been shoveling nearly every day – many thanks! The Food Pantry has had no problems, and there is access to the fuel tank. A path does need to be shoveled for the Manse when it snows.
- Bev noted that the quilters have had to cancel due to the weather, so heat was not needed on Tuesday for at least a month.
- Larry will check the percentage used of the fuel tank.

**Christian Ed – (Mary)** – Nothing to report – Mary will get with Joy to discuss. Bible school perhaps?

**Pastoral Care** – Bonnie has been reaching out to people -- let her (or Bev) know of others in need. Larry mentioned that we should all remember Janet Edwards who is very afraid of being forgotten by her friends in Stephentown.

**Other New Business** – Larry mentioned Libby Hughes who recently passed away. Betsye and Joy both knew her, and many remember her fondly.

**Re-opening** – There has been a relaxing of some of the regulations, but we are still seeing an increase in cases. The issue was tabled until the March meeting. Bev noted that both the Armory and Rensselaer County sites would be opening for shots and keep checking the NY State website.

**Closing Prayer** – Bev closed the meeting with a prayer.

**Adjourn** – Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm

**Next Meeting** – March 23, 2021

**Leader for Next Meeting** – Larry and Heather