

Rush United Methodist Church  
Leadership Committee Meeting Notes  
June 13, 2020

Present: Tanya Hunt, Geoff Furman, Cindy Wallace, Lynn Lessler, Pastor  
Todd Goddard, Erin Bills, Lynda Wanzenried, John Kessler, Chris Chamot

Absent: Jim Comstock

The meeting was called to order by Tonya Hunt, a prayer was said by Pastor Todd and joys and concerns were shared.

Learning Group:

At a 12 pastor meeting that Pastor Todd attended, three types of teams in churches keep the church going and they are:

- Directional Team
- Operational Work
- Task

RUMC Vision Statement: To Become More Like Jesus

Application for RUMC Scholarship:

The single college application was unanimously accepted and will be announced on June 28.

Teacher's Recognition Day will be June 21.

Church Reopening Information:

Same information as sent out on Rush Tidings. We will open when it's legal. The Buildings and Grounds Committee will implement what it takes to be in line with NY State compliance. We will probably be in September to insure the safety of all our members.

Chris will update the congregation concerning what's being done to keep the congregation safe.

Finance Committee:

John Kessler asked for some type of budget for all the things being done and supplies needed for the protection from COVID-19.

The check we received for the roof will expire in July. RUMC needs documentation that if it expires we don't lose that money. John will speak with Rob directly to stress the importance of this issue.

The Finance Committee recommended that we use the Gary Prok donation to pay for a room sized unit to air condition the computer room. Cindy made a motion to do so and the motion was seconded by Lynda. Motion approved. Chris will contact Gary.

There does not seem to be any savings on the electric bill despite all the work that

was done. Niagara Mohawk hasn't replied to our concerns so Chris will follow up on this issue.

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### Finance Committee cont'd:

Part of the Government Loan/Grant that was used as a "\$40 show up" bonus for workers that came to work will end at original ending date (approx. June 15). This allows us to extend employee pay to use up all the grant money since the government extended the program. Cindy made a motion to follow above procedure and the motion was seconded by Erin. Motion passed unanimously. There are a number of jobs that need to be done at the parsonage. John proposed that Pastor Todd prioritize a list and give it to Cindy to post in hopes that members of our congregation will volunteer to do these jobs. The Finance Committee will now provide some commentary along with posting financial numbers for newsletters.

Concerns of the Committee:

- Last month we had a \$9,000 shortfall in donations.
- The lack of revenue from the Super Sale
- The after school program was a success but we had to turn children away.

### SPRC:

With the COVID-19 virus there might be many changes to the Turkey Dinner. As things stand now, a sit down dinner is not possible and a take out dinner may be the only way to go. There would also be many changes to accomplish even this.

Status of pictures for the church directory: Life Touch has been contacted but hasn't returned the call. We will postpone the date.

Pastor Todd has been fielding angry people concerning the church services not being held as in the past. Erin and Lynn volunteered to take calls from these people.

### Worship:

Pastor Todd doesn't expect weekly changes in the decorations on and around the altar.

Cindy Wallace and Cindy Raymond would like to have more people on the worship Committee. New ideas and extra hands are always welcome.

The church service will be recorded on Thursdays at 7:00 PM. There will be only one recording. Depending on who's on vacation it can be either in the style of the 8:30 AM or 10:45 PM. service. People cannot come to watch the taping.

Next Meeting of the Leadership Committee will

be held on July 18<sup>th</sup>.  
This meeting will be on Zoom/