

## Union Church of South Bristol – Executive Committee Minutes – November 22, 2015

Present: Beth Hood, Linda Brunner, Sally Gundersen and Bill Glendinning

Absent: Sue Edwards

Bill called the meeting to order at 11:35 AM. Beth led us in prayer.

Clerk's Report: Bill noted that we will need to look at the by-laws. Beth noted that we need to look at the nominating process. Lori suggested that each group prepare an annual schedule of tasks and bring to next meeting.

Pastor's Report: Sally Gundersen and Beth attended the Maine Conference annual Meeting, which included an O&A workshop. The O&A presentations will begin in January and will be open to the congregation. The PPCM Thanksgiving Service is tonight. The PCM is energized and will be asking the Carpenter's Boat Shop to join the group. Dues have been brought up and will discuss when they next meet in January. They will discuss how to go forward and get going. Dues may be a problem for New Harbor/Round Pond. Beth has changed the phone message and has been making a lot of visits. The new coffee hour format is working well. Beth has completed boundary training for 3 years, has been meeting with her mentor, Nancy Duncan, and has had bible study training.

Deacons: Outreach has brought 4 thanksgiving dinners to the New Harbor food pantry. Betsy is organizing the thrift shop volunteers through December.

Hospitality: Harvest Fair went well. We may only have one winter event.

Pastor/Parish Relations: Sally/Linda reviewed survey. The Discernment Committee would like to include the following question in the survey: How one would interpret God's plan for church in our community. Beth will email the survey, once approved by PPRC. Target date for survey mailing would be after the holidays in early January.

Religious Education: We have more people volunteering. We are doing well with our core group. Christmas pageant is next.

Board: The board has been very busy. Parsonage rental is going well and tenant is thrilled with new wood stove. If we don't sell it, perhaps CHIP could use the wood stove. Ken Lincoln is working on repairs and foam insulation is scheduled for this week. Linda Brunner has met with Postmistress Peggy about the issues of bugs and the odor. There are rotten sills and the smell has been there for a long time – probably from moisture and mildew. Linda will talk with Modern Pest and Norman will talk with Ken Lincoln. Linda has also been talking with Maine Clean, who measured humidity and found mold. He suggested putting in a good humidifier.

Old Business – by-laws

New Business – Board - Post office repairs, septic tank, parking lot.

Wrap up – Minutes are available in the narthex and online. Next meeting will be January 24th. Chairpersons should bring their schedules to that meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Wright