

CHURCH STUDY COMMITTEE
Meeting October 16, 2023
Orford United Congregational Church

APPROVED

Attended by: Sylvia Paxton (Chair), Eva Daniels, Ann Green, Heidi Peyton, Jenny Littlewood, and Dave Smith

Minutes

Sylvia opened the meeting at 1:10pm and made motion to accept the Minutes of Oct 2 meeting with an amendment to correct the date of the Selectmen mtg from Nov 11 to Oct 11. Motion seconded by Jenny; Minutes approved as amended.

Sylvia shared her draft of 2023 budgeted costs related to operation of Town Office Building ,and the costs of needs of Town Office building as noted in the 2014 Long Range Planning Report. The summary included present day adjustments of these costs. In addition, she summarized the budgets of the two libraries. A few suggestions were made; she will revise accordingly.

Progress of writing sections of the final Report was reviewed. Heidi is exploring grants and other funding resources that may be available to meet needs of potential uses of the building. Eva shared her initial draft of the Committee and its actions. Dave agreed to write up the history of the clock to be included in the history of the church. Sylvia will write an introduction. She will address the many positive features of the building and include Dave DeSimone's impressions of the infrastructure. Eva will contact Terry Straight regarding the room capacity of the sanctuary. She also suggested that a photo of the building be included in the Report. It was agreed to include special acknowledgment of individuals who have assisted the Committee in the Report.

Ann will mail the community-wide questionnaire today. Jenny agreed to collect completed ones at sites where they may be dropped off.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:55pm. Next meeting will be held on Oct 23 at 1pm at the Church.

Submitted by,

Ann Green (Secretary)