

CHURCH STUDY COMMITTEE
Meeting November 13, 2023
Orford Social Library

APPROVED

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

Minutes:

Meeting convened at 1:06PM. Venue of this meeting was at the Social Library because one member was acting Librarian in the Librarian's absence. Also, time was changed from 10am to 1PM.

Sylvia welcomed Terry Straight who attended to report the capacity of the Sanctuary as 350 people. He then left the meeting.

Sylvia made a motion to accept the Minutes of Nov 6 meeting; seconded by Jenny. Minutes were approved as read. Sylvia then shared a draft of the full Report for the Board of Selectmen and thanked all members for their contributions. A discussion followed and some revisions suggested. The costs to maintain the Church building and that of the Town Office building will be included in the Report. Ann agreed to obtain an estimate to paint the exterior of the Church building. Costs related to the consolidation of the two libraries were mentioned but no decision made. It was decided to add a "Conclusion." Sylvia offered to write it and include a recommendation that copies of the report be available to the public at public sites throughout the community. Should a public presentation be made perhaps at March Town Meeting. Should the Report be available online? It was decided not to include photos of the building interior.

Dave DeSimone will send a letter of his recent inspection of the building. He volunteered to complete a more in-depth assessment at no charge on November 21. Dave Smith will accompany.

Next meeting will be at 1PM, Monday November 27, 2023 ,site to be determined. Agenda will include a review of all revisions of the Report and the content of the Appendices.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:07PM.

Submitted by,

Ann Green