

Church Committee Meeting Minutes, November 16, 2025

Attendees: Pat Sanford, Pastor Kelly, Carolyn Chretien, Deanne Bellinger, Jim Koepfler, Ed Clavette, Jim Fennell, Megan Fennell, Beth Sanford, Linda Vogler

Call to order. Moderator, Deanne Bellinger, called the meeting to order at 11:20am. Opening prayer by Pastor Kelly.

Minutes from September 20, 2025: Minutes were made available in hard copy for review, Minutes from September 2025 were accepted with edits to health issues, requested to be removed.

Motion to accept, Minutes passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Report was emailed to all members & hardcopies available to review

1. Balance in account approx \$18K
2. Hospitality listed under non budgeted income.
3. October fundraising low because of seed money for the fair left out of the account.
4. The report was accepted as presented.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Deacons: Tom Sanford

No meeting held in October, nothing to report

Building and Grounds. Ed Clavette reporting

- Recent expenses,
 - Oil fill for the church and schoolhouse.
 - Fire alarm tested
 - Water bill
 - Dishwasher repaired after the Last Supper,
- Building inspection scheduled for November 18.
- Thrift store clean up of hallway and prep of inspection will be needed.
- Indoor stairs repainted. Those are the stairs down to the basement and double doors.

Missions: Cindi Barkley reporting.

- Discuss fair ideas. Request to join fundraising committee meeting to discuss ideas that came up while reviewing fair learnings.
- November no Undy Sunday, replaced with out of box collections as planned
- Thanksgiving baskets are ready to be distributed.
- Thrift shop helpers needed to share shifts

Fundraising: Jim Fennell reporting

- committee to plan a meeting and also planning to meet after service to schedule out the first few events in 2026.

Christian Education: Beth Sanford reporting

- Nooma Nights held
- Advent activities planned

Flowers: Pat Sanford reporting

- Poinsettias, ordered from North Attleboro High School

Fundraising: Ed Clavette reporting.

- pet clinic held in October. The next Pet Clinic is on December 13.
- Auction Winners to collect items:
- Ceramic bird feeder to be picked up
- Painting pickup paid for and pending pickup and Ed has been in touch with purchasers
- Overall in terms of the fair went very well with auction earning roughly \$2,090 and fair overall earning over \$5,000
- Update on Jewelry Table at Oldtown Fair: Pastor Kelly did report that the jewelry table will be the last at this annual fair. Cindy Desrosier is no longer available to continue that piece of the fair, Recommendation to include note of gratitude to Cindy for her years of support and passion for this jewelry table during the Fair, because it did make an impact on young people.
- Ed also noted that Cindy Stone had donated multiple costume jewelry pieces, when Ed discovered more valuable pieces the funds or pieces were returned to Cindy Stone (Ed please edit as appropriate)
- Salad dressing at the fair—33 bottles of dressing ready. And the winter fair, it's scheduled for December 6 from 10 to three.
- High school volunteer program has been very successful at the end for clean up the November fair

- To help facilitate volunteers, need to know when needed and an estimated schedule

Music: Jim Fennell reporting

- Organ serviced in October
- chime choir for Advent using narrow tables practice on November 23 first performance on Sunday, November 30
- piano tuning pending to be scheduled

Stewardship: Jim Fennell reporting

- Limited number of large print Upper Room copies and subscription.
- David, movie, it's a cartoon musical. Movie tickets are being offered to churches at half the public ticket price, and Pastor Kelly did take advantage of it and bought 10 tickets. (as of this report writing, they are available for December 19, at 7pm showing)

Clerk: nothing to report.

Historian: Carolyn Chretien reporting

- North Attleboro school tour dates have been released and shared with Carolyn. They're in May of 2026

New business:

Pastor Kelly

- Grieving parent service on December 14.
- Memorial Fund instruction for use is for Memorial status. Pastor Kelly would like to purchase two headset and box for hearing/Sound Support out of Memorial Fund, and would like to offer Braille hymnal for other churches use since our need at Old Town was fulfilled. The motion to do both things—both the purchase of the headsets and share the Braille hymnal with others in need was accepted unanimously
- Attleboro and North historical organizations asked to use church on July 11 for presentation, bringing their own fans.
- Narcan from Opioid Seminar: Jim Kepler placed (2) doses of Narcan received at an opioid seminar trained by EMTs. It's very easy to do. It's just like the adrenaline shot for allergies—(Instruction for the first dose of the Narcan, and then give the next dose, two minutes later, the Narcan dosage is stored in

podium by sanctuary door.) If Narcan used call to 9-1-1 should be made for emergent care of Narcan recipient.

- The front garden seems to be caring for itself. Carolyn Chretien plan to split chrysanthemums in spring.

Budget Review for 2026

- Fundraising committee review numbers
- Hospitality (new committee): \$1,500 budget request—deacons will take on expense of collations,
- Missions: minimal fund expenses,
- Pastor salary, housing increase won't match because of timing of payments/distributions
- gifts, unspecified, combined to pledges or merge with cash offerings.
- Deacons paid to pulpit coverage, roughly \$300
- Board Needs for 2026: call for moderator, Vice moderator, treasurer.

Next meeting, December 14 for one hour, slate and budget discussion

Closing prayer offered by Pastor Kelly.

Meeting adjourned at 1:31pm

Next meetings: December 14 to review slate and budget discussion

January 11, 2026

Respectfully submitted.

Linda Vogler