

North Country Missions

Board Meeting Minutes

2/19/2025

Call to Order at 3:31pm by Frank Sawicki, President.

Members present included Frank Sawicki, President; Debby Dionne, Mike Pelletier, Dianna Purrington, Mary Ellen Fuller; and Jacob Wood. Also, present Dean Woodard-Neary, Executive Director; Andre Marquis, Community Meals Coordinator; Absent was Vera Stanwood.

Dean prayed over the meeting.

Minutes of Previous meeting were distributed and Mary Ellen moved and Dianna seconded for adoption. Motion Carried.

Financial Report for January was made by Dean, Debby motioned, and Dianna seconded to adopt report. Motion Carried.

Food Pantry Update:

- Dean presented January Statistics
- We received USDA Delivery on 2/14. Next delivery has not yet been confirmed.

Andre gave Community Meals update said had to cancel a couple times due to weather.

Fundraising community will meet after this board meeting.

Dean gave and update on status of name change. Received approval from the state on 1/29 and name has been changed at Post office and Bank.

Building:

- Purchase agreement was signed 2/4; closing will be March 7th. Board agreed to hold a celebratory cookout/bonfire the evening of March 14th.
- Frankie is looking into Generator.
- Frankie installed new internet – Starlink
- We received tax exemption application from the town; deadline April 1st.
- Dean mention HB625 which is a bill going through the NH state house that would allow towns to require payment from Non-profits in lieu of property taxes. Dean is keeping an eye on it.

Funding:

- Tillotson Grant- Draft is due mid-March Dean is working on it.
- NH Gives June 10-11, Registration February 20th

Other Business:

- Satellite pantry in Pittsburg will be held each month on the second Wednesday at the Pittsburg Fire Station.
- Dean read a letter he received from NH Governor Kelly Ayotte.
- Dean wants to take group photo of the board to put on the website.

- Discussed possibly starting a clothing closet ministry upstairs in the pantry.
- Dean asked to pass over discussion about his vacation.

Next Meeting: 3/19 at 3:30pm (with Fundraising Committee meeting to follow at 4:30)

Close Meeting: Debby motioned to close the meeting seconded by Jacob. Meeting closed at 4:32pm.

Fundraising Committee Meeting

2/19/25

Present: Frank Sawicki, Jacob Wood, Debby Dionne, and Dean Woodard-Neary

Goal of the meeting was to see in what direction the board wanted to go now the building campaign is finished.

The group agreed that it would be good to have a flexible committee, not raising funds specifically for one project.

Future projects that were mentioned were: funding new clothing ministry, purchasing a utility truck for the organization, and finishing and expanding the driveway/parking lot.

Several ideas for fundraisers were to continue the craft fair in December, set up at the moose festival again, set up a table/raffle for 4th of July, car wash (work with key clubs), gather prizes from businesses for a raffle, and Gala/silent auction.

Next Meeting will be March 19th at 4:30pm after next month's board meeting.