

Area Churches Working Together

Board Meeting Agenda

1/15/2025

Call to Order at 3:30pm by Frank Sawicki, President.

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

Frankie prayed over the meeting.

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

Financial Report for December was made by Dean, Debby motioned, and Jacob seconded to adopt report. Motion Carried unanimously.

Food Pantry Update:

- Dean presented Year End Statistics
- We received USDA Delivery on 1/3, and next delivery is 2/14.

Andre gave Community Meals update said they are down a volunteer.

Capital Campaign committee in now fundraising committee and are looking to schedule a meeting, most likely in February.

Building:

- Inspector came 1/8 to look at building. Report received noted a crack in the chimney; suggested upgrading electrical; well water test was good
- We have reached our goal of raising \$120,000; Debby motioned to start process of purchasing the building at 16 Hill Avenue, Jacob seconded. Motion carried
- Dean and Frankie will continue looking into a generator.
- Furnace was fixed by Searles at the end of December, no bill received yet.

Funding:

- 2022 Grant reports are finished; Dean has started the process for 2025 Large Grant, we are in the Mid-May Cycle.
- Dean created pledge cards and will be sending them out to last year's donors and local churches to hand out.
- Frankie sent out an email with several fundraising ideas.
- NH Gives June 10-11, Registration February; Dean will be working on this.

Other Business:

- Dean is still looking into satellite site in Pittsburg.
- Dean shared year end receipts to be sent out and end of year letter; all donors will receive a receipt, letter, and 2025 pledge card.

- Dean shared the new NH Food Bank handbook; due to handbook pg 14 par 2 stating “Food Bank food is not to be used for community meals that are open to everyone and do not have an intake process.” Our Community Meals programs partnership with NH Food Bank was discussed. Mike motioned to end partnership between Community Meals and NH Food Bank, seconded by Jacob, Motion carried unanimously.
- Discussion continued from previous meeting about amending the bylaws to change the organizations name from Area Churches Working Together. Many options were purposed after further discussion, Mike had to leave during discussion, Motion was made by Jacob to amend the bylaws to reflect a change of name to North Country Missions, seconded by Debby. A 2/3 majority vote was needed to approve, 3 yes, 0 no, 1 present not voting. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: 2/19 at 3:30pm

Close Meeting: Debby motioned to close the meeting seconded by Vera.