

# Nassau Resource Committee

## Minutes

Wednesday Sept 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 6:30 PM  
GUMC Church House

### **Committee Goals:**

- *To complete the resource document to assist local services in identifying the appropriate resource for persons in need*
- *To provide support for the Nassau Resource Center and Gathering Place*
- *To evaluate the potential for a drop-in/community center*
- *To use the committee's influence to educate and promote the need for services for the needy in the community and for its leaders*

**Attendees:** Chaplain Michael Needham, President; Lori Clark, Treasurer; John Imhoff, Secretary; Jean Wagner, Nassau Resident; Reverend Edward Van Kampen, Nassau Reformed Church; Shaykha Sheila DS Foraker, AQRT Sufi Order; Diana Murphy, Nassau Resource Center; Pastor Dion Marquit, Grace United Methodist Church.

### **Minutes:**

Opening prayer led by Pastor Marquit.

Chaplain Needham announced that the committee had received the Village building permit for renovations to the future community center at the Grace United Methodist Church's church house and that it was now displayed in the front window.

- Modifications under the permit will include the installation of illuminated exit signs, the addition of an exterior access ramp, and the removal of a door in the rear of the two proposed room that is not used and serves no purpose.
- Tasks that need to be completed before this work and the addition of new furnishings can begin includes: removing the existing floor covering, painting the floors, moving some of the old furniture out of the space, and getting the space cleaned out.
- Work party for preparatory work scheduled for Wednesday, October 7 at 6:30 PM.
- Chaplain Needham will work with Randy Sanford to make sure that we don't discard anything the church wishes to keep.

Chaplain Needham circulated a draft of the calendar that was previously proposed as a fundraiser for the community center.

- The calendar displays historical photographs from the Nassau region.
- Would like to finalize the calendar this week, and send to Curtis Printing so we can get them back ASAP to start selling!
- Mike recommended that we start with an order of 200 (\$4.00 ea); if we sell them at \$15 each it would generate a profit of \$11 for each calendar sold.
- We can order more at a later time if we sell out and would like more.

The committee agreed unanimously on a proposed calendar design that included a “ constant message” banner (if possible) that would display the Committee’s goals, logo, website/Facebook addresses, etc. and to have Curtis Printing in Castleton print 200 calendars.

- Jean Wagner agreed to provide final edits on a draft before it was sent to the printer.
- A note on the [nassauresourcecommittee.org](http://nassauresourcecommittee.org) donation page will be added indicating something along the lines of “Make a \$15 donation and get a 2020 Nassau Area Calendar”.

Some general announcements presented by Chaplin Needham:

- The money raised during the chicken barbecue fund-raiser in August has been distributed to the fund recipients.
- The Life is for Service awards were awarded at the Nassau Family Festival last month at Lyons Lake. Awards for outstanding service were awarded to David Fleming, Randie Sanford, Melissa Bulan, and Kurt Vincent.

The meeting ended with discussions centered around the process by which individuals families in need are identified in the community and that notification commonly goes to either Chaplain Needham and/or Lori Clark for assistance and that sometimes it takes time to figure out arrangements and to identify who may be able to provide assistance. One of the goals of the future community center will be to provide a place where those in need can go while arrangements are being coordinated.

Closing Prayer was provided by Shaykha Sheila Foraker.

Next Meeting – TBD.