

Minutes
Ecumenical Ministries of Perinton, Inc.
QUARTERLY MEETING OF MEMBERS AND DIRECTORS

Monday, December 9, 2024 at Risen Christ Lutheran Church

Directors Present: Kevin Cooman, Ray Buchanan, Rick Hill, Dave Wideman, George Havens, Jim Brekovsky, Judy Burgeson, Jay Saylor, Julie Wood, Susan Amrine, Pat May

Directors not present: Doug Osterling

Also attending: Barb Campitello, Joe Roxstrom, and John Gann, all from the PMUNY leadership team.

Kevin called the meeting to order at 8:10 pm.

On motion of Pat, seconded by Ray, the minutes of the December 2024 quarterly meeting were approved.

As noted during the Advent House[PEM] board meeting, an ad hoc committee of Rick and Jay have met with Rev. Lori Vale and Mary Magdalene Church in East Rochester to explore the possibility of that church becoming a member church of EMP (and Advent House[PEM]). The issue of a necessary change in the EMP (and Advent House) bylaws to permit a non-Perinton church to become a member of the corporations was discussed.

Rick moved, seconded by Dave, to state the willingness of the Board to make a bylaw change permitting non-Perinton churches to join the corporations, if and when an interested church requests consideration for membership. The motion was approved unanimously.

The consensus of the board was that entry of new member churches will be considered on a case by case basis, without a decision in advance on any geographic constraints on church location (*i.e.*, how far outside the boundaries of the Town of Perinton would be acceptable or unacceptable.)

PMUNY – The new leadership team is in place and the leadership members present updated the Board on current activities. As of this meeting, the prisons are now more open to outsiders as we have entered the post-COVID pandemic years. The principal need of PMUNY is for volunteers to attend and participate in the retreats and ministry sessions in the prisons. It was agreed that the directors who serve as their church's designee to the EMP board should be involved in making connections and interactions between PMUNY leadership or speakers with their pastors or committee representatives. Kevin will provide an updated list of EMP Board members to PMUNY leadership.

Perinton Congregations for Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity – Multiple reports are in the website folder providing updates on home building activity, which now goes on continually for our sponsored group, rather than on a three-year cycle.

Fairport Good Neighbor Fund – Current financial status of the Fund is in the written report in the website folder. Requests for assistance continue to outpace the resources available in the Fund.

George provided the EMP Treasurer’s report, posted in the website folder. On motion of Dave, seconded by Jim, the report was accepted.

This is George Havens’ final EMP meeting, as he is stepping down as the Risen Christ Lutheran designated director, and as EMP Treasurer as the end of 2024. Dave Wideman is succeeding George as EMP Treasurer. Among the issues to be explored is the large increase in the insurance premium for the next year.

The following Treasurers of the sponsored ministries of EMP were noted and approved by consensus of the board:

John Gann, PMUNY Treasurer
Mark Renfro, FGNF Treasurer (and screener)
Mark Stevens, PC – GRHFH, Interim Treasurer

Next EMP board meetings are Monday, March 10, 2025 at Perinton Presbyterian, and Monday June 9, 2025 at St. John of Rochester.

Meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 9 pm, followed by a group recitation of the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Kevin S. Cooman, President and Secretary pro-tem