

Rochester Mennonite Fellowship
Congregational Meeting
May 17, 2026

Facilitator: Billy
Minutes: Rachel M

Present: John, Billy, Judy, Gail, Andrew, Anthony, Walt, Rachel M, Sebastian, Kathy, Julio, Tom, Anna, Eloise, Tracy, Melissa, Carol, Thomas, Susie

Opening

Tracy read Psalm 108 in English, Julio read it in Spanish

Selection of New Trustee

Eloise was nominated as the new trustee. This position involves signing documents on behalf of the congregation.

There was a unanimous vote by show of hands to elect Eloise for this position.

Presentation of Julio Verastegui

Julio was presented as the new member of the leadership team. The other members of the team are Walt, Billy, and Tracy.

Ministry reports

Finances

Tom reported that the money surplus has been dispersed as discussed in the last congregational meeting.

Tom also reported that he opened a CD account and moved \$15k out of the checking account and into the CD to accrue some interest.

Maintenance

Melissa mentioned that a Rollator and an AED device are now available for use. She also noted that training will need to be arranged for these things. Billy said he plans to talk about how to use the AED during a Sunday school hour and that official training with the Red Cross will also be set up.

Walt pointed out that the space around the fire alarms and the AED should be kept clear so that they can be easily accessed in emergencies.

Susie said we should look into getting Narcan for emergencies as well.

Worship Team

The worship team is looking for people to lead worship, nobody is scheduled for the month of June.

Susie reminded us that people had been sharing faith stories during worship, and suggested that people could continue with this theme. Tom said there are also topics in the Leader magazine that can be used starting in July.

Anti Racism and Inclusivity

Kathy said they are still working on the masking policy and looking into topics for adult hour. She mentioned Nuance Ministries and also told us that someone from Seneca Nation is planning to come and talk about the stamp act, but has not confirmed the date.

Pastoral

Eloise said the pastoral team is addressing issues as they arise.

Other Comments

Walt reminded everyone that every year we pledge non-monetary gifts (skills, time, etc). The gift pledge is coming up soon, so we should all be thinking about what we will sign up for. There will be a spreadsheet with tasks listed. Tracy reminded everyone that the tasks do not roll over from the previous year. Each position is a year-long commitment.

There will be another potluck in two weeks when NYMC comes to share with us.

Closing prayer