

# Peace United Methodist Church Council

## Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2011 7:00 pm

Peace United Methodist Church reflects the light and love of Christ to all, offering compassion, community, acceptance, and hope. We promote wholeness and active service by connecting individuals and families with God and each other through small groups, teaching, worship, and needs-based ministries.

**The meeting was opened** by Cris Williams at 7:04 p.m. Since we had some new faces we introduced ourselves and our area of Ministries.

**Opening Prayer-** LeeAnn Inman shared scripture from 1 Timothy 3. Then she lead us in prayer.

### Members present

Cris Williams

Larry Myers

Heather Adams

Debby Dick

Julie Chatfield

Ken Carter

Kathy Rieber

Jeff Sparks

Pat Ambrose

LeeAnn Inman

Jana Hart

John Gordon

John Norman

Carl Sousa

**Meeting Minutes for August 2011-** Kathey Rieber asked that we add the UMW correction regarding the buckets. Ken Carter motioned to approve minutes with corrections, Jeff Sparks seconded. Approved as corrected.

### **Special Ministry Need:**

- Jana Hart addressed the Council about the upcoming church conference to be held on Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup> at the First United Methodist Church in downtown Orlando.
- The time of the Church Conference will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- We need key leaders at the conference because there will be voting.
- All are welcome and an announcement will be made at least three weeks prior to Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Jana and Pastor Leeann will work to compile a book reporting about our church.
- Jana needs updates from each designated Ministry by October 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Jana will inform Ministries that need to be involved.
- Sally will be handling Finance reports.
- **Special Ministry Needs Continued:**
- New requirements are needed this year, to include long term planning in the areas of The 5 Habits of a Healthy Congregation. The areas are worship, discipleship, hospitality, giving, outreach.
- Leeann would like key leadership involved in this goal planning.
- This is a great time to be looking ahead with the 20/20 celebration coming up in January and the web team forming the new website.
- We will also continue doing a membership audit which takes approximately 3 years to complete.
- It involves detailed communion with the current leadership and members in question before they are removed from the books.
- John Gordon asked what the number on the membership audit list was.
- Jana responded with approximately 116, though she would have to look to be sure.
- This is a positive process because it creates accurate data for membership logs. We remove non- active members. Don't be alarmed, we are growing.

### **Committee Updates:**

#### *Committee on Finance- John Gordon-*

- Net Year to Date Income - LAST YEAR - (\$28,535)
- Net Year to Date Income - THIS YEAR - (\$4,664)
- 2011 Includes \$8,000 in Connectional Giving which has been Paid
- Income (Receipts) Over Last Year To Date - \$21,899

- The income has increased and the expenses have decreased.
- Expenses Under Last Year To Date - \$1,971 (\$9,971 if you compare like to like without Connectional Giving)
- Sanctuary Enhancement - To date, \$41,146 has been raised and used for enhancements.
- Improvements are also not included. Folks are willing to give of their finances and sweat.
- Sally and John met 2 weeks ago and are excited to present a new financial package.
- Trivia question: If you had to guess, how much do you think the adults and members of this church have supported the youth programs through August? Guesses were shared.
- Trivia answer: Parents, Youth and Congregation have contributed \$41,159 Year To Date to Youth Programs.
- The week of moving for the carpet installation was amazing.
- It's the time of year to think about budgets.
- Information from the financial committee will be sent out soon.
- Jeff asked the timeline of the financial timing?
- John hasn't gone through the process and Jana expressed that it's varied from year to year.
- John would like to be ahead of last year.
- Leeann stated that the Financial chair met with key leaders and staff in each ministry area.
- There were forms filled out before in terms of ministry areas.
- All information went into the budgeting process. It should be the same process this year.
- Leeann expressed that people felt good about talking about their ministry area.
- Jana stated that it's helpful to have a second look in January to see how 2011 ended.

*Staff Parish- Pat Ambrose-*

- Met with the Youth Ministry Institute (YMI).
- A YMI Rep. came and explained what YMI is and what it involved.
- It includes weekend classes, retreats and conferences.

- When it's done Brandon can transfer it towards a college degree at Southern College.
- The list price is \$26,000.00
- They have discounted it to \$13000.00
- We received a matching grant of \$6500.00
- We have a generous donar willing to pay the first month of tuition.
- We had one of the only churches with 14 plus people at the meeting with the YMI rep.
- Leeann highlighted that they send youth ministry architechs.
- They come and do evaluations and recommendations for our church.
- This will happen within the next 6 months.
- These people include one of the consultants, Brandon's mentor, and 8 different focus groups to include Parents, counselors, middle school students, parents who have kids about to enter the student ministry, Leeann and the Staff Parish.
- Then they go into a marathon assesment mode and come together with all who care and make a presentation about their findings.
- This will give Brandon a place to start and help him hand off the things that he is doing so that he doesn't burn out.
- The next payemnt of \$2000.00 is due in mid January.
- Leeann is looking for grants and scholarship money outside the church but we need to be ready to pay that.
- There are 6 students in Brandons class. He is getting a lot of hands on experience and lot's of support.
- He will end up with a whole network as well as the person whom is his mentor.
- Leeann told Brandon that he can't leave.
- Staff Parish has received six to eight resumes for the Assistant Pastor and have narrowed it down to three.
- They will be interviewing people this week.
- This will help Leeann so that she doesn't have to carry everything on her shoulders.

*Trustees Report- Jeff Sparks-*

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- Thanks to everyone who helped with the with the hallway carpet installation. We couldn't have done it without them.
- We still need to shorten some doors. This will be done soon.
- We got the roof repaired last month, no leaked reported at this time.
- There has been a report of an unknown male hanging around the building during the opening of Preschool.
  - It's the 2<sup>nd</sup> incident
  - One of the preschool teachers had seen this unknown male before.
  - Earlier in the summer, we also had someone staying in their car overnight in the parking lot.

- Larry Myers mentioned that these people could be church members- Ken White's son sleeps in his car during the early morning before heading off to work with Ken, and Larry walks the Labyrinth early in the a.m. as well.
  - It was confirmed that it was not Larry or Ken's son, but a new person.
- Jeff asked if we need to install a surveillance camera to increase security?
  - John Norman questioned whether it was worth putting in cameras?
  - John Gordon would caution against fake cameras due to liability.
  - We should do a price check on security cameras and report back.
- We need to reset the lights outside to coincide with the sunlight.
- John Gordon mentioned he had triggered the alarm via the back hallway door, and though he waited for the response team, no-one showed up.
  - Jana defended that the security company is very reliable.
- It was questioned whether the key duty people were checking the church?
- It was mentioned that we are having trouble with the lock on the exterior door nearest the choir loft.
- Jana stated that the staff doesn't always remember to set the alarm when they are the last to leave.
- Julie mentioned that her keys don't work in classroom C's door and the Kitchen door.
- Also it was addressed that when you drive by the church at night there are misc. cars parked in the parking lot.
- Julie expressed concern about letting the Church members know about this incident since children are very comfortable around the church grounds.
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  - Cris expressed that we should clarify to whom the communication will be shared.
  - Leeann stated that we will talk it over at staff and get it out by next Tuesday.
- Whenever you are in the church building alone, be sure to lock all doors.
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- It was suggested that we inform the key people of this questionable person so they will be aware of this incident while locking up the church.

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*Hospitality-Janet Wheatly- absent*

- Janet is at Emmuas tonight.

*Volunteers- Cathy Tschanz--*

- None discussed- Travel mercies for her trip to Hawii.

*Technology- John Miles- absent*

- Jana mentioned that we had our internet go down yesterday.
- Brighthouse came out and replaced pieces needed.
- Jana has Microsoft upgrade. It's awesome to have 2010.
- Eric is training a couple of tech people in the sound ministries. One is a perspective member.
- The tech crew is working with creative team for better lighting.
- We also have blue ray technology.

*United Methodist Women- Kathy Rieber-*

- The church was able to complete 5 whole buckets for Cleaning Bucket Relief.
- There were 12-15 buckets already at the drop off location but PUMC added 5 more.
- Coming up is a luncheon about domestic violence.
- A social worker from Home will be presenting the program.
- They will also have a panel with questions and answers. Everyone is encouraged to come.
- UMW is excited about the topic because it's something that they have never tackled.

*United Methodist Men- John Miles- absent.*

- They have been doing the manual labor in terms of getting things squared away on the stage.

*Lay Leadership- Larry Myers*

- We have a new chair of Church Council, Cris Williams.
- John Gordon has been moved to Finance.
- Leeann and Larry will get together next month to get things in order for the church conference.

*Youth Ministries- John Norman-*

- Brandon has a lot going on with his development.
- He may be overwhelmed but he is ready.
- If you look back to when Jim started youth, it was not always a nicely paved highway. He had to find his way and figure things out.
- Brandon has the tools he needs and is not waiting for all of that to happen before things start to go on.
- We are starting to expand. You will notice the Youth is increasing.
- There is the Middle School Breakfast. It's not a grand theological event. It's outreach.

- Brandon is very well prepared with lessons for small groups and lessons to everyone.
- There are positive feelings from what Brandon is doing.
- When you can get 60-80 kids to youth, that's awesome. It will only get bigger and better.
- With Revelation 3:30 singing in adult worship, you have even more reason for families to come.
- Carl acknowledged kudos to Carl and expressed that Youth was how his family started coming to Peace.
- Brandon went to some sports events and it was cool to have him out there to cheer them on.
- There has been an anonymous donation for his training. It was reaffirmation to the job he is doing.
- Brandon is absent tonight because he is at Relevant. He is always working.

#### *Children's Ministries- Julie Chatfield*

- We had 20 children in the Children's Choir.
- We had 10 kids in the Drama Club.
- 16 kids will be receiving Bibles and the Learning How to use your Bible class will start September 25<sup>th</sup>.
- 45s Started as well with 18 kids the first night.
- We are working to help the 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade transition to Youth be more comfortable for the kids.

#### *Preschool- Jenny St. Jean*

- Very high enrollment. Way above last year.
- A lot of it has to do with VPK.
- VPK classes are full with waiting lists and we are full for the afternoon sessions also.
- There is a big interest in class space so we opened a new 3 year old T-TH afternoon class.
- The two morning 3 year old classes have been full since late spring.
- We have opened up a class for 2.5 year olds.



- The transition has gone smoothly.
- She gives kudos to Kathy as a trainer and also to Linda.
- Also prayers for Jenny because her father has had some serious illness and she is pretty emotional about it. She is trying to spend as much time with him as possible.

*Communications- Leeann Inman*

- none discussed under communications.

*Worship- Leeann*

- We are in the midst of our Thrive series.
- Sign up for a chair massage on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011.
- We had a wonderful 911 commemorative with Jeremies witness and a good attendance that day.
- Our prayer team had 8 people show up for healing prayer.
- The focus on healing prayer did translate into people wanting to get more focused on their own inner healing. We have a very powerful team.
- Wendy will be leading music this week and Patrick next week.
- Jane will be covering for Michael who is on an anniversary trip to Hawaii
- We will have a nice World Communion in October.
- The childrens choir has started and the Youth Choir will be singing at the contemporary service.
- Both will be rotating into all worship services.
- We have a new members class and a teenager coming seeking baptism.
- Focusing on Stewardship the last of October and beginning of November.
- Consecration Sunday is November 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Thanksgiving Sunday celebration on November 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Daylight savings is the 6<sup>th</sup> of November.
- Center Peace has reconvened for two weeks.
- The youth will be leading Center Peace the last Wednesday of every month.
- Brandon has the new Youth Detour on Wednesday Nights.

**Other-**

- We have a staff retreat on Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Debby Dick mentioned the Relay for life- November 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Breakfast Burritos to support Relay for Life again on October 25<sup>th</sup>.
- We will get sign up sheet for Relay walkers early on this year because last year we almost didn't do it.
- Thank God for those pink flamingos. Our money raising efforts have gone well. We are at the Bronze level already.
- Keep Pat Ambrose in your prayers.

- Also Brittany Goslin is Dr Phillips Hospital for intestinal bleeding.
- Prayer for Keenan too. He wants to go off medication.
- Our next meeting will be held on Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. In the Youth Room.

**Meeting Adjourned.** Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.