

PEACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CHURCH COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes April 18, 2013

Opening:

Cris Williams called the regular meeting of the Church Council to order at 7:08 p.m. on April 18th, at Peace United Methodist Church. We opened with prayer lead by Leeann Inman.

Attendees:

Eddie Pipkin, Gary Daniels, Leeann Inman, John Gordon, John Miles, and Cris Williams

A. Approval of February Minutes

- Julie Chatfield emailed February meeting minutes in advance for review. Cris advised that all minutes are posted on the PUMC Website for future reference.
- Cris asked for motion to approve the minutes. John Miles motioned and John Gordon seconded. February Minutes unanimously approved.
- John Gordon noted that meeting minutes should probably not be posted on the website until they are officially approved. In order to expedite the visibility of the minutes, Eddie recommended we review and approve via email and when posting on the website note that they are 'reviewed' (i.e. – draft) and will be voted on at the next council meeting. Once approved we can remove the qualifying statement from the website.

B. Finance Committee – John Gordon (Handouts attached)

- **Review of 2013 Budget**
 - Highlights through February were shared with a preview of estimated March information.
 - Expenses are being managed successfully, but giving is down. Prayers should include the need for giving.
 - There was discussion that we are not closing the gap financially even though there is increased membership, lots of events, and great worship opportunity. LeeAnn indicated that new members and those returning to the church sometimes need time to re-learn.
 - LeeAnn is reviewing the pledge list and as appropriate will contact those not meeting their commitment.

C. Stewardship – Gary Daniels

- Charlie Adams (absent) and Gary Daniels will lead this year's campaign. We will use existing methods and programs as they are designed and not reinvent the campaign. Consultant is selected to assist and will schedule meetings.
- Consecration Sunday is November 10, 2013. Stewardship campaign kickoff will be four (4) weeks prior with specific steps each week
- A team will be put in place to focus on the additional components (celebration, communication, meals, etc.)

D. Staff Parish – (no representative)

- LeeAnn shared that staff reviews were completed last month
- LeeAnn has requested a month off (mid-June – mid-July) to handle some personal business. Staff Parish and the Wayne Wyatt have approved/given their blessing. Gary Daniels made a motion for Church Council to approve. John Miles seconded. Request was unanimously approved. LeeAnn

will advise the church members. Eddie Pipkin and some retired clergy will cover her absence and LeeAnn will reciprocate when Eddie takes time in August to handle his son's college move. This will allow minimal impact on the budget.

E. Trustees – (no representative)

- Bob Anderson and Scott Strelow have been spending time on various repairs at the church. Thank you!
- Eagle Scout projects remaining include Aaron Gordon and Chris Carter. Both are going to resubmit their projects to the Trustees after some re-work. All others have been completed.
- The front doors will need to be replaced. Further repairs are not possible. Jana is getting estimates and will provide to the Trustees.

F. Communications – (no representative)

- Communications update from Larry Myers read by Cris Williams (attached)
- Update indicated that a recommendation would be brought to the next council meeting and John Gordon challenged the leadership to make a decision one way or the other at that point. Cris asked LeeAnn to check with the conference and get their position on this matter to assist in the decision. Clarification was made that we need direction on both advertising the church (to get more guests/members) and advertising other companies to support their business/generate revenue.

G. Technology- John Miles

- We need a strong push for new tech workers in the booth. John Miles would also like to encourage people to be cross-trained.
- The tech team is meeting to finalize a roadmap that will identify items that need to be upgraded, repaired, and/or replaced. A full assessment including priorities will be presented once it's complete.
- There is confusion about Michael Tschanz's laptop needs and the associated funding. Cris to get with Michael and advise the Finance committee.

H. Additional Business / Misc.

- Brandon will graduate from YMI on Saturday at 1pm. He will also get recognized on Sunday morning during worship.
- Casey Johnson is moving to Washington DC so Brandon will be losing a resource. Gloria is going to pick up the financial tracking for youth
- Discussions will be held offline to evaluate the opportunity to use Church Council meetings as strategic discussions versus committee updates

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm and ended in prayer

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 20, 2013 @ 7:00pm