

PEACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CHURCH COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes February 7th, 2013

Opening:

Cris Williams called the regular meeting of the Church Council to order at 7:04 p.m. on February 7th, at Peace United Methodist Church. We opened with prayer lead by Leeann Inman.

Members Present:

Cris Williams, John A. Miles, Julie Chatfield, Robert Anderson, Janice Adams, Carl Sousa, Peggy Sousa, Leeann Inman, Larry Myers, Faye Myers, John Gordon.

A. Approval of April Minutes

- Julie 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. Larry motioned and John Miles seconded. October Minutes unanimously approved.

B. Finance Committee – John Gordon (Handouts attached)

- **Review of 2012 Budget**
 - Highlights were shared.
 - Note that department nets do not necessarily indicate whether a ministry was over budget or under budget. Associated asterisks indicate income that was generated to offset the net balance for those ministries.
 - Larry questioned the asterisk in the Worship line item and John reminded us that income is generated from Center Peace.
- **General Discussion of 2013 Budget**
 - 2013 Budget is aggressive, but the hope is that it provides a path. It may need to be altered or changed over time based on income and unplanned expenses.
 - Budget is broken into income and expense lines.
 - Small changes are still coming from Leadership and staff and expenses coming in that will be added accordingly.
 - This budget is allocated by mission. We have taken information from the past, and also included items not necessarily attributed to that budget category and equated it out so we can ensure that different Ministries are being treated fairly.
 - Leeann expressed that looking at the last page (final mortgage amortization schedule) feels like a light at the end of the tunnel.
- **Additional Finance Comments-**
 - Gloria Barber is doing an AWESOME JOB! She has completed and sent the statistical reports and also works hard to get requests delivered in a timely manner.

C. Staff Parish - Peggy Sousa

- The team met on January 17th and updated the church profile. Gloria and Jana Hart were a great help in getting this accomplished.

- Next Staff Parish meeting is on February 20th. There is a full staff so the focus will be on future goals and benefits for the staff.
- They look forward to a visit from one staff member per month to discuss their ministry.
- Leeann will be doing Staff reviews this month.

D. Trustees - Robert Anderson on behalf of Drew Emerson

- There are two Scout Projects left to go.
- Leeann met with Drew and discussed creating a list of building priorities and growing a reserve for future repairs.
- Bob suggested that the list include the bathrooms.
- Leeann pointed out she knew the parking lot lights were at the top of the list.
- Leeann called the Conference Treasurer regarding our apportionment amount due. Since we pay Home Owners Association Fees and a Housing Allowance she was hoping that our income would appear lower on our income sheet. It was determined that taking these items out of our income would only adjust our apportionment by about \$35.00.
- The Conference Treasurer did suggest an attorney who advises churches pro-bono. Leeann knew of this Attorney and is looking forward to a conversation with him to include John Gordon to evaluate our options with Hunter's Creek HOA and associated fees. John supported this tactic.
- John has not been successful with the endeavor of reducing the HOA fees, but did feel hopeful of a pending compromise that would involve leasing our property for HOA sports activities to equal the amount of our HOA dues.
- The Helicopter Insurance Policy was discussed regarding the liability of landing the Helicopter for the Marshmallow Drop on our property. Drew is questioning it's coverage to which John suggested we ask them to specifically list PUMC as an insured party.

E. Communications - Larry Myers

- **Communications Committee (which will be a standing item on the agenda)**
 - Creating two different communication teams. One is more media driven and the other is more technology driven. Once the teams are created, Larry would like to gather everyone together to determine how best the team communication fits together.
 - Larry is also interested in enlisting help for small jobs lasting for a minimal amount of time.
 - Larry explained that both he and Jonathan Morris were the current webmasters and is considering bumping to a new version. This would allow us to do much more to include do video. Currently we have the basics but it's an ongoing process. This can occur with no extra cost to us.
 - Cris asked if there was anything we could do to help with communications. Larry expressed not at this time.
- **Marketing**
 - We have not made a final decision as to advertising on our website. Julie mentioned that the current Storage Company has changed hands and may not be interested in the advertising bargain initially offered.
 - John proposed adding our Easter post card to the Hunters Creek Circulation which would encompass the full circulation. The cost for 8700 pieces inserted into the HC circulation would be \$696.00. We would need these handouts by February 15th. They know we are interested and are waiting for our response. All agreed that this was a great way to get our Easter Message out. Leeann volunteered to speak with Jana regarding the practicality and cost of this endeavor.
 - It was questioned if there was data supporting the success of this sort of advertising. Carl Sousa admitted to reading the HC Magazine and supported that it was probably one of the most effective local advertising resources.
 - All agreed to do what was necessary to make it happen.

F. United Methodist Women- Faye Myers

- The next UMW meeting is April 15th, 2013. There will be discussion on how support the community.
- The UMW Garage Sale will occur the first weekend in May.
- Anyone can attend the meetings.
- Faye announced our new DS, Annette Pendergrass and that Wayne was promoted to another position within the conference.
- The 2013 Annual Conference is one week later to accommodate teachers, hoping that most delegates, who are often teachers, can attend.

G. Stewardship- Leeann Inman

- We now have two Stewardship Chairs ready to function in that capacity. They are Gary Daniels and Charlie Adams. They have been encouraged and hope to attend the Stewardship Summit held at the First UMC in Orlando.
- Leeann promotes a stronger stance for our next Stewardship drive due to the rise in economic circumstances and strongly believes in a new Stewardship model explained in Consecration Sunday. It supports the change in culture and makes stewardship more relevant to families today.

H. 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 looking to rebuild the tech booth to be wheelchair accessible. John has created a proposal to enlarge the booth, include more storage space and also a wheel chair ramp. They have been encouraged to apply for government aid.
- John feels confident the mystery of the blinking Sanctuary lights has been solved. The computer was enclosed, causing it to overheat. Opening up the space to allow air flow seems to have done the trick.

I. Additional Business - Misc.

- Cris discussed the amount of fundraising activities occurring, often times in conflict with each other. There have been discussions about some limitations and guidelines to avoid tapping into everyone's wallet all at once. It was suggested to funnel the fundraising activities through Staff making sure the activities fit within our mission and that there is a balance.
- Leeann announced that this weekend is Scout Sunday/Transfiguration Sunday. It was advised that the guys who have worked on their Eagle projects surrounding the church grounds may or may not have their Eagle Scout Badge.

J. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm and ended in prayer

K. Next meeting is scheduled for