

**PEACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
CHURCH COUNCIL**

***Meeting Minutes July 30, 2015***

**Opening:** Cris Williams called the regular meeting of the Church Council to order at 7:07 p.m. on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Peace United Methodist Church. We opened with prayer.

**Attendees:** John Gordan, Drew Emerson, Aaron Rowe, Janice Adams, Eddie Pipkin, Rostam Kondolojy, Cris Williams, LeeAnn Inman, Julie Chatfield, Gary Daniels, Pat Ambrose, late arrival - Larry Meyer

**Approval of March Minutes**

- Julie Chatfield emailed March Minutes in advanced for review.
- Cris asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Drew moved to approve the minutes and John Gordon seconded the minutes.
- March 2015 Minutes unanimously approved and are now posted on the website.

**Finance: John Gordon- Financial Handout included.**

- Audit completed. Thank you Gloria for an ongoing great job. The counters also do a great job.
- There were very few improvements needed.
- We will be requesting from the Preschool additional contributions to the overall Operating Budget due to increase of operating expenses. Jenny has responded and is taking the request to the board.
- Gloria is seeking a new banking institution. Finance has approved this process.
- Council reviewed January budget highlights.
- We still have a short-term loan from our UM Foundations Savings Account to ourselves for our operations account from 2015. See the Financial handout for complete details.
- Great job to the staff for remaining within the constraints of the budget.
- Drew questioned if the budget reflected Outreach income. John replied- no.
- Cris asked where we stood with our SOM income? John answered that we are \$18,000.00 short of SOM 2014 pledges. He noted many pledge cards came in without a specified giving date. We may not know exactly when the rest will be available to us.
- Gary inquired about the general area of our budget concern.
- John expressed that it is the YTD contributions declining.
- Eddie noted that we have watched the attendance trends and even as we saw flattening, the contributions held steady. This seems to imply that people are connected even though attendance patterns are changing.
- Now that the attendance is trending down, the giving is reflecting this.
- John noted that summer is a challenging time to obtain a definitive answer on this sort of question.
- There is a of data crunching by adding SOM back in and including outside projects like Malaria that would make improve the budget picture.

**Trustees: Drew Emerson- Handout attached.**

- SOM project review to include highlights as follows.
- Per consult with Pat we are holding off on replacing the AC until they are unable to be repaired.
- The estimated cost of a new air conditioner is about \$40,000.00.
- The bathroom may cost every bit of estimate of \$40,000.
- The front door is also on hold but on the top of the list. It's an expensive fix.
- We have the breaks on all the projects based on the balance in the SOM account.

- Gloria's update on July 4<sup>th</sup> is \$36,000.00. We don't have enough to cover any of the above repairs except for the door and we don't want to spend money until we get more.
- There are reserves from the property lease, but those are meant for emergencies.
- The lighting in the MPR in conjunction with the new modern technology has saved us money. We are trending significantly lower. The AC load is also less because the lights aren't generating heat.
- Jana mentioned she was ordering lights frequently which now isn't necessary and saving us money as well.
- We reviewed a draft of the bathroom project, which included a work schedule.
- We are behind on the project, but are concerned whether the bathrooms meet the current ADA codes, so we employed an architect to be in compliant with code. Based on the survey there were no foreseen problems but the surveyor wanted to make phone calls and double check some issues to officially confirm.
- We want to go with durable materials that are longer lasting.
- Last we are replacing the preschools counters. Drew proposed working over Thanksgiving or Christmas break. It would be just the cabinet and countertop but we want to match the materials in the main bathroom.
- The work will cause the bathroom to be out of service for several weeks so we may have to rent a bathroom trailer for at least Sunday mornings. This could cost \$1500.00 per week.
- We could possible work on one bathroom at a time making the working bathroom unisex, but this would prolong the project.
- The last project is a solution to the storage. There have been requests for space to store the sewing machines and a request to remove art supplies from above the banners. The plan is to meet with the staff to discuss solutions.

### **Recruiting and Training Process: Julie Chatfield**

- The staff has been working on creating a document with servant ministry descriptions and time requirements.
- We have purchased a spiritual gifts survey that can be taken by new members and long time members who are unsure of where they are called to serve. The survey can be taken online and data can be reviewed by Administrators to provide follow up and guidance.
- The goal is to be proactive in plugging people in to serving opportunities by reviewing surveys and matching them up with the completed servant ministry description document.
- We plan to host a Ministry Fair once the descriptions are in place to help promote people to actively become involved. (Since the meeting, the Ministry Fair is scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup>)
- These tools should be used in conjunction with the Ministry Evaluation created to determine if a specific activity fits within our overall church goals.
- The staff also met and compared activity calendars seeking to avoid event conflicts and to also become aware of other Ministry events and activities.

### **Children's Ministries- Rostam Kondoloy.**

- Rostam issued a thank you for the installation of the defibrillator, which is now located in the church office.
- We hope to host a First Aid training for staff members and volunteers.
- The CM has decided to decline hosting a Pumpkin Patch. This decision was based on matching it with the Ministry Evaluation and determining that it did not fit within Peace's Goals.
- In place of the Pumpkin Patch we will host a Trunk or Treat.
- (Since our meeting the Trunk or Treat date has been changed from October 30<sup>th</sup> to October 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00 p.m. )
- We hope this will be considered an all church event and that all areas of ministry will support it.
- We will have a maze, bounce houses, food trucks, Trunks, raffles, photo ops and more.

- We have decided to make it a free event.
- A budget of \$1000.00 was approved and to be dispersed from Outreach.
- It was encouraged to charge a small fee for the fun activities.
- It was encouraged to have at least 5 food trucks.
- We were also encouraged to charge the food trucks a rental fee.

### **Staff Parish – Aaron Rowe**

- Cris and Gary shared with Staff Parish their strategic plan.
- SPRC questioned the next steps are and how it would be communicated to the congregation.
- Dialogue and input was shared around that process.
- Kelly volunteered to give additional help on administrative work for LeeAnn.
- Larry is doing software assistance.
- We have some additional conference business that needs to be updated and they are at work updating that information.

### **Missions- Pat Ambrose**

- 45s traveled to the Bahama's which sparked an adult trip perhaps to South America.
- We are doing a shoe drive with H.O.M.E. So far we've purchased 9 youngsters shoes.
- There are 9 teenagers who would rather have a gift card. We are doing a drive for gift cards as well, ideally so they get shoes.
- Pastor Stubbs and family are going to be here for a couple of weeks so he'll be bringing greetings and an opportunity to have a conversation with him.
- Sunday Serve is September 27<sup>th</sup>- We have a list of worthwhile projects inside and outside and hope to take on more projects than in past events.
- All Pro Dad and I-mom at Wyndham Lakes will resume in September. It's a great and worthwhile ministry.
- We have a lot of single mom's coming to the All Pro Dads so we are interested in starting an IMoms event.
- WE've been averaging 40-50 people at All Pro Dads, its an easy event and the coast is small.
- The big Question is, how far do we want to pursue this?
- Discussion surrounding All Pro Dad was shared. We encouraged council members to check it out.
- Leeann concurred that it was a no brainer. It's taking the church to the world and sharing it in a public school where the principle is saying bring it on.
- It's also time to start thinking about Biker Sunday. Put it on the radar and be thinking about what we want to do. Biker Sunday is on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Worship: Eddie Pipkin**

- Dr. Seuss series is going well.
- We will have worship calendar in place soon, to include Stewardship.

### **Dress a Girl- Janice Adams**

- Shared that we have made 456 dresses and where they have been distributed.
- God has blessed this ministry beyond what we have hoped for. It's a global mission and we haven't spent much money. People are coming in from the community to sew too.
- This is one of those things that happened around the Fired Up for Mission camp fire. Thank you Pat, for sponsoring that.
- We ought to celebrate this information with everyone that comes through our doors.
- The needs just keep coming in for free. We have 7 machines now.
- Please share with Larry information regarding Dress A Girl for our Global Outreach page?

- There are two groups waiting for dresses.
- It was inquired how we find out who needs dresses. Janice answered that the ladies sewing help spread the word. Also through the Florida Ambassador for Dress a Girl. IF we don't have a place to send them, the organization will do it for us. It's working great so far.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 p.m.