

**PEACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL**

Meeting Minutes March 19, 2015

Opening: Cris Williams called the regular meeting of the Church Council to order at 7:04 p.m. on March 19th, 2015 at Peace United Methodist Church. We opened with prayer.

Attendees: John Gordon, Gary Daniels, Drew Emerson, Joanna Sell, Pat Ambrose, Cris Williams, Janice Adams, Faye Myers, Larry Myers, Rostam Kondolojy, John Brown, Julie Chatfield.

Approval of November Minutes

- Julie Chatfield emailed January Minutes in advanced for review.
- Cris asked for a motion to approve the minutes. ? motions to approve and ? seconds the motion. (I think it was one of the Johns and Drew. I say that because I remember thinking I about a last initial for the John. Just can't remember which initial it was though....
- January 2015 Minutes unanimously approved and are now posted on the website.

Strategic Planning: Gary Daniels- Handouts included.

- Gary expressed the desire for our church and it's ministries to become more effective.
- Gary passed out evaluation tools titled Focus Areas and the J-zone strategic evaluation.
- A review and description of each handout occurred.
- Discussion was shared referencing the handouts and the new strategic process.
- The template was created by Cris, Gary, John Gordon and Leeann. The purpose of these tools is to help evaluate our ministries and to help Peace be more effective in our decision making process.
- These documents are a work in progress as we seek feedback from the Church Council and Staff.
- The Council felt open and receptive to the evaluation.
- Joanna expressed how excited she was to see this sort of document.
- Joanna shared that finding volunteers was always a struggle and having this sort of tool would be beneficial in utilizing peoples time and talents.
- The Council shared that perhaps a volunteer training and support process should be created.
- Gary's next step was to share the document with Staff and invite feedback from them.
- Based on feedback, a revised version of these documents will be distributed at the next meeting.

Finance: John Gordon- Handouts attached.

- Review of the budget occurred.
- IT was shared that our income is not meeting our expenses.
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Children's Ministries- Rostam Kondolojy.

- Rostam shared our plan for kids worship which involves children remaining in Adult worship a bit longer at 9:30 to help formational habits.
- The 9:30 worship will be identified as a Family worship experience which will include kids worshipping together with their families, but also leaving for a brief message and small group discussion.
- We also plan to tie the Kids Worship lesson with the Adult worship lesson. This will occur during the 9:30 and continue through the 11:00 hour.
- The purpose of this formational structure is to provide connectivity in adult worship as well as with the family following worship.

- Eventually we plan to provide family take home papers relating to the worship topic which will provide discussion opportunities.
- The 45s were ready for the first 45s Overnight with a Mission focus event. 45s are also hard at work preparing for the 45s Church Exchange to the Bahamas in June.
- Rostam suggested purchasing and installing a defibrillator. He explained the emergency benefits and need for this life saving tool.
- Discussion was shared, but the overall consensus was unanimous that a defibrillator was a necessary piece of safety equipment.
- Drew expressed liability concerns pertaining to our suggested model and committed to investigating the liability for our church. He set a deadline for the end of April 2015 to report his findings.
- Janice confirmed that upon approval, financial resources could be obtained to make the purchase.
- Upon approval, Rostam will move forward with making the purchase.
- The installation of a defibrillator was unanimously supported.

Communication - Larry Meyer

- Our website was updated with Godspell, Holy Week and Easter activities.
- The impact of these activities, particularly Godspell, have been very positive.
- Larry shared his excitement for the upcoming production of Godspell and raved about the talent of Jackie and Ken.
- Larry recommended that the council make a point to see Godspell.
- Larry will be hosting a Internet 101 class to help recruit more volunteers to assist with keeping the website updated. This will occur during a designated Wednesday evening at CenterPeace.

Trustees - Drew Emerson

- Shared a brief update on the bathroom project.
- We were reassured that until finances were more secure, the bathroom project would remain on hold.
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Missions- Pat Ambrose

- Pat expressed his excitement about hosting a Cross Walk on Good Friday.
- Volunteers were in place and the cross, and security ready to go.
- We were collaborating the Cross Walk event with church. The walk would begin 5:00 p.m. at church and end at Peace.
- Transportation would be available for those who walked but needed ride back to their cars.
- The volunteer shirts have been ordered and should be arriving soon.
- The shirts are meant for all volunteers to wear during their service activities, letting people know who were are and where we are from.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

