

PEACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CHURCH COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes May 26, 2014

Opening:

Cris Williams called the regular meeting of the Church Council to order at 7:50 p.m., at Peace United Methodist Church. We opened with prayer lead by Larry Myers.

Attendees:

Larry Myers, Cris Williams, Leeann Inman, Janice Adams, Pat Ambrose, Julie Chatfield, Drew Emerson, Faye Myers, Gary Daniels, John Gordon

A. Approval of February Minutes

- Julie Chatfield emailed February meeting minutes in advance for review.
- *Cris asked for motion to approve the minutes. Drew Emerson made a motion to approve the minutes, John Gordon seconded. February Minutes unanimously approved.*

B. Communication – Larry Myers (Handouts attached)

- Our Facebook ad and social media campaigns are continuing to supplement our marketing and drive people to our website.
- We are hearing from people who are regularly reviewing it and looking at the content.
- We received a response to Cindy regarding her online Bible Study and thanking her for making it possible.

C. Sustaining our Mission- Leeann

- Currently our goal is \$375,000.
- We have pledges of \$393,000.
- We are working to thank all those people and their contributions.
- We are also putting together a plan to keep it alive and updated.

D. UMW- Janice Adams

- UMW Rummage Sale raised \$2,317.67 towards missions.
- Larry is hoping to add more to the total by selling a rare pin on EBay found at the sale.

E. Trustees – Drew Emerson

- There is a modified version of the Trustees project list on the website.
 - Some of the projects are funded from other sources concurrently with the SOM campaign.
 - The true value of projects is estimated at \$377,510.00.
 - We created and formalized an approved list so that we have it on the record, which will help us remain clear on the usage of the SOM funds.
- There is a documented procedure to evaluate all projects that come up.
- Gary asked about the new projector and whether we add it to the list or take it out of the already budgeted \$16,000.00. John will take a look at it and answer after the finance meeting.
- Larry questioned remodeling of the kitchen and the grant money Tom Rose is hoping to receive to make improvements to the kitchen. In general, if there is a better source of funds for a project, the Trustees will evaluate it and make a decision.

- MISC: There was a question about the church repairing the water discharge vs. the HOA or city. The discharge structure is solely for our property so we have to pay for the repairs.
- ***Gary motioned to formalize the Trustees SOM expense list. Drew and John second. The formal repair list has been approved.***
- We reviewed the proposed procedure for the use of SOM Sustaining Our Mission funds. (Proposal attached.) It was questioned if this procedure articulates what we shared with the congregation. Drew requested an email from Gary articulating the priorities. The guidelines will include a cost threshold, and any project over that amount with less than three quotes for the work has to be approved by Church Council before work can proceed
- All ministries should be notified as work is being done. The trustees already have a responsibility to let everyone know but Jana will be the staff liaison and is excellent at communicating with groups about Trustee issues. Jana also provides good guidance on how to proceed with any project. (It was questioned how the procedure document would be enforced and where would it be located. Jana has a Trustees folder but we need make it electronic also.)
- ***Drew moves that we approve the procedure with the amendments and pending approval of trustees. Pat seconded. Unanimously Approved.***
- The completed improvements include: Lights and painting of portico, light on the cross, and lights in the parking lot. The Boy Scouts have also been hard at work improving the church grounds.

F. Finance – John Gordon (finance reports attached)

- The Finance committee authorized \$16,000 targeted for Trustee work, to be transferred into the Trustees account for necessary repairs.
- March turned into a fair month. If anyone has questions, you can ask Julie for copies of the notes.
- April is a good month and we are still ahead of budget because of a very strong Easter.
- Connectional giving was made up.
- A huge compliment to the person with the great idea to hold Confirmation the Sunday after Easter.
- Sustaining Our Mission (SOM)
 - We will now get an SOM report every month
 - The SOM funds are in a new UM foundation account that is collecting interest. If funds are needed, there is a one week lead time to transfer the money. Additionally there will be written procedures for obtaining these funds
 - How does our Peace Mission fall into the Sustain Our Mission resources? It is 10% of what we have right now. We discussed opening another account to prevent it being used except for Mission. This will be something our mission team will talk about. We do need to create a Mission list and report on it just like the Trustee enhancements. People need to know that there are new missions and Eddie will be the staff liaison.
 - Finance will keep track of expenditures and keep everyone updated (Trustee and Mission expenditures)

G. Worship – Leeann

- This coming Sunday worship is at 10:00 a.m. Our theme will be Celebrating Family and will be a Multigenerational Worship Service.
- Coming on June 8th we will offer our Jazz Pentecost service at 9:30 and 11:00. We will have guest musicians. Larry would like to put some of these events on the website.
- This summer we are thinking about a focus on postcards from Paul.

H. Annual Conference- Faye Myers

- Annual Conference is June 11th-14th at the Lakeland Center.
- It starts on Wednesday and everyone is invited to the Lay session starting at 1:30 p.m.
- Check flumc.org for live streaming of the sessions.

- There will be a guest Bible Study leader and this year at Conference they want to raise money by selling used Jewelry to support missions.

I. Mission Update- Pat Ambrose

- Pat is moving forward with the 'Fired UP' event.
- It will include a casual campfire, sign up to capture names, and an effort to build a team for future missions.
- Pat is also hoping to see if maybe we are already doing something and can put things together or connect people to each other.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 17th, 2014 @ 7:00pm