

# PEACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CHURCH COUNCIL

## *Meeting Minutes October 24th, 2013*

**Opening:** Cris Williams called the regular meeting of the Church Council to order at 7:04 p.m. on October 24th, 2013 at Peace United Methodist Church. We opened with scripture from Galatians 6 and prayer both lead by Leeann Inman.

**Attendees:** John Gordon, Janice Adams, Leeann Inman, Cindy Wheatly, Julie Chatfield, Cris Williams, Larry Myers, Faye Myers, Teresa Furry, Ken Carter.

### **A. Approval of April Minutes**

- Julie Chatfield emailed April meeting minutes in advance for review.
- Cris asked for motion to approve the minutes. John Gordon requested revisions in Finance, Ken motioned and John seconded. August Minutes unanimously approved and posted on the website pending revisions.

### **B. Youth – Teresa Furry**

- Two retreats coming up for both High School and Middle School on how Christians view purity and sex.
- November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 is the Fall Lock in. It will start at *Chic-Fil-A* with a Spirit night. 20% of proceeds will benefit Peace Youth. Anyone can visit that evening and mention they are there to support Peace for us to receive the credit. There will be a game; Spin the Wheel, at the event and 100% of those proceeds will go to Peace Youth. The lock in starts at 8:30 p.m.
- 4M is also requesting that kids bring canned goods to support our M.A.P. program during the Lock In event. The 4M event for November will be packing the food for those in need.
- The 5K event was approved and will occur March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 a.m. The 5K is on a Sunday and discussion was shared suggesting a celebration at Peace honoring the runners and providing an invitation to worship.
- Also discussed was supporting Hunters Creek movie nights by providing activities for youth age kids. Concern was share regarding the movie night activities being an opportunity available to all who attend, not just Hunters Creek members. Teresa agreed to follow up with Brandon.
- 4M has also planned a Spring Mission trip limited to 30 kids and kids will combine efforts with Winter Park Youth. Kids will split into teams and work on various projects in the area. Usually Spring Break is full of fun activities and one mission activity. This year, it's more mission focused with a few fun activities.

### **C. Consecration Sunday- Leeann Inman**

- Consecration Sunday is on track and is scheduled for Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013.
- Leaders are invited to Flatrocks on Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. for instruction on the process and leaderships expectations. Our guest speaker will talk us through the process and recruit leaders to make calls to those who have not yet RSVP'd for the Celebration Brunch. The point is to get as many people in worship as possible. The response deadline to Charlie Adams is Thursday at 7:00 p.m. October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- We will also acknowledge All Saints Day.
- Our new District Superintendent, Annette Pendergrass, will be at Peace on November 24<sup>th</sup> for the 9:30 and 11:00 services. Following worship she wants to meet with 15 leaders of the church with hopes of understanding what help we need from her and/or the conference. It's an opportunity to explore and move in a future oriented direction. Recommendations for those who need to be a part of that conversation are encouraged and it was suggested that the group include all areas of ministry.

**D. Staff Parish – Cris Williams** (on behalf of Peggy Sousa)

- Staff Parish met last week and are required to submit salary changes for LeeAnn to the charge conference on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Leeann was briefly excused from the meeting and a discussion was shared. Further information is required for the Council to make an educated decision.

**E. Finance Committee – John Gordon** (Handouts attached)

- Discussion was shared regarding some discrepancies within the Finance committee. John thanked all for working through the situation as efficiently as possible. The outcome procured an independent audit, which will gracefully pick up from 2006 and go through 2012. Additionally it was recommended that annual audits from an outside CPA occur on a regular basis.
- The Finance Committees goal is to develop a balanced budget, which we have not achieved yet.
- Budget and financial reviews are available at any time. All were encouraged to ask questions but when doing so to ask the appropriate people.
- Larry asked about the use of memorial funds and what happens with them. John replied that they are guarded and guided by the individuals who have authority over their funds.
- The 2014 Budget Timelines will be requested sometime between Consecration Sunday and the Audit. The 2014 Budget won't be finalized until December.

**F. Additional Business – Cris Williams**

- Cris asked if we knew anything about zoning for the Farmers Market? Leeann responded that we have done what we can do and are waiting to hear from the county to see we can gain an exception. The Farmers Market is going well.
- Cris Question about the retail purchasing online with Christmas fast approaching. John affirmed that he had dropped the ball, but reassured that he will look into this opportunity quickly.

**G. United Methodist Women – Faye Myers**

- The UMW had a great meeting which included three new members.
- The next meeting will be December 7<sup>th</sup> 2013 with lunch and a music presentation from various ministries. Everyone is invited.

**H. Communications – Larry Myers (documents attached)**

- Overall trends were reviewed for website usage. Cindy wants to look ahead to upgrades. (The next level is 4, which takes a rewrite. This may not happen until January.)
- We'd like to add video of worship to the website and adjust it so can listen to just the sermon. We are having problems with video being slow and an upgrade will help. It was suggested to get a whole tech team together to discuss this transition and figuring out what else we can do to upgrade the site.
- We are still looking at a store option and having a problem with the emails flooding Jana.
- The professional directory for our members is still in the works.

**I. Missions- Ken Carter**

- Ken is researching an adult mission trip.
- Our Church Boy Scout troops are growing with many young scouts coming in.

**J. Spiritual Formation- Cindy Wheatley**

- Cindy is wants a big push to get people reading the Bible, on of the hardest spiritual formations. This would include new members getting a Bible with their name on it. A measure of how healthy a church is can be determined by how much they are in to the Bible.
- The goal is to start offering a Bible Study every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

**Special Meeting may be called to finalize Staff Parish recommendation.**