

**PEACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL**

Meeting Minutes April 21st, 2016

Opening: Gary Daniels called the regular meeting of the Church Council to order on April 21st, 2016 at Peace United Methodist Church.

Attendees: Rostam Kondolojy, Aaron Rowe, Pat Ambrose, Drew Emerson, Gary Daniels, Larry Myers, Catherine Bruce, Calvin Head, Becky Brashears, Leeann Inman, Ken White, Julie Chatfield, Eddie Pipkin.

Approval of December Minutes

- Julie Chatfield emailed February Minutes in advanced for review.
- Pat makes motion, Ken seconds the motion, all approve February 2016 Minutes. Minutes are now posted on the website.

General Discussion: Gary Daniels

Cell Tower – Gary

- Open discussion of a possible Cell Tower on our property.
- Review of previous discussion of Cell tower and why it was not approved.
- It was shared that the reason it was not approved was because we wanted too much money, and that there was a conflict of interest with Hunters Creek.
- Eventually the process was stalled because it wasn't going through the proper channels.
- We want to make it a possibility. The Trustees have already approved it. Church Council approved it and hopefully we can get Hunters Creek on board.
- We believe that utilizing the church property in this manner will help us serve our community.
- Frustration was mentioned in that we pay our dues timely and don't always receive the benefits.
- We are hoping for favorable cooperation with Hunters Creek.
- Sylvia Ibanez handled the legal aspects and proved that we are legally able to proceed.
- We also took a vote at one of our Church Conferences and it was passed.
- It was agreed that there was hope in getting around the conflicts.
- Concern was shared to the location and it was suggested that perhaps putting it at that back of the property might be a better option.
- The trustees shared that the location was debated and because there was intention to build on the property, putting it out front seemed to be the most logical spot.
- It can be seen from 417 and our neighbors out back wouldn't have it in their faces.
- We are using a cross and hope to install a chain link fence around it to keep it secure.
- There was a question about perhaps shrubbery instead.
- Our tax -exempt status was questioned. Will the revenue from the Cell Tower pose a problem?
- Tax exemption shouldn't be a problem because we are not profiting from it. If a problem exists, it would only be on the square footage it was located on.
- There are other churches with Cell Towers.
- It was recommended that the conference chancellor would be a good resource for information to help us with the process.
- It was suggested that if we have to pay taxes, we obtain internet services from it.
- Drew and the trustees are empowered to work out the details finalizing the cell tower.
- Gary, Leeann and Drew will also be working together through the process.

- There was a motion by Drew and seconded by Aaron for the Trustees to approve a small group to move forward and work out the details. Unanimously approved.
- It was suggested to offer a vision moment during worship as due diligence before it's put into construction.

Survey – Gary

- The survey intention is to get thoughts and conversations started.
- The objective is to understand and highlight what is already working well.
- The approach is to do visit meetings that already exist and encourage input on the survey.
- The motivation came from the great outcome with SOM and wanting more detail on how we are doing overall.
- Leeann will review the survey with staff.
- The council reviewed possible questions and details to add or remove.
- It was inquired if we planned to have hard copies? The answer was yes.
- It was suggested to pass them out as people are coming in to church or even greeting them with an iPad out front.
- A suggestion was made to include personal information only if a person wanted to share it.
- We considered looking for either check marks or actual numbers and suggested that numbers might help to fine tune the responses.
- It was recommended to specify between Children and Youth and to not group the questions together.
- A question was raised about the youth parents who do not attend Peace and how they could be reached.
- A recommendation was made to gather Youth input.
- Ultimately it was suggested that Youth may want to offer their own survey.
- We also want to reach out to people who have left Peace.
- There was continued discussion on content for the survey.
- It was suggested that the content was getting long and recommended that if we wanted people to participate that it needed to be short and easy.
- We confirmed that there was a plan in place for the survey outcome.
- It was suggested to launch right before Summer Vacation.
- How can we prevent people from taking it multiple times?
- It isn't easy to block, but it most likely won't be a big issue.
- Thanks everyone for your work on the Peace 2016 Survey.

Church Development Intern update -Leeann

- The last meeting we shared an exciting opportunity for multi lingual internship.
- The idea was shared with staff and council and was well received.
- After further inquiry, it was discovered that unfortunately the appointment process had already been completed and the possible candidate was appointed somewhere else.
- This does not mean it's not happening, it's just not this year.
- There is high hope that the survey will be helpful in identifying how to move forward.
- Though this news is disappointing, it is better not to have anybody then to have the wrong person.
- Also, this person would take some of Leeann's time and she doesn't want to waste it on the wrong person.
- Let's all be in prayer for the right person to come along.
- There is a slim possibility appointment will happen outside the process, but guessing that the money was already distributed it's not likely.

Trustees: Drew Emerson

- We have scheduled a church workday pending staff approval. It's for Saturday June 11th.
- Jana was part of deciding the date and has agreed the calendar looks good. It's the first Saturday after school is out.
- The workday will include general cleaning, repair and sealing the wood benches, and work on the volleyball court.
- The Trustees have assumed the completion of the Volley Ball Court.
- Please help spread the word and participation from Council members on that day would be great.

Outreach: Pat

- The crosswalk was a success. It took longer but was enhanced with the stations of the cross .
- All-Pro Dad is next Thursday and then there is one more in May. At this point there is no need to expand.
- We do have a few new volunteers for All-Pro Dad.
- At this time there is nothing new.

Staff Parish: Aaron-

- At this time, nothing to report.

Children: Rostam

- Nursery transitions have occurred. The nursery is now the Peace Kids Zone.
- There are not many kids that fit the Nursery aged demographic, specifically at 11:00 a.m., so we are being inclusive to kids ages 3 months to 11.
- The 9:30 service still offers Kid Zone for 3 months to Prek, and then Kids Worship provides experiences for Kindergarten to 5th grade.
- Our goal was to rebrand it so there was a sense that it was more than just childcare. We are teaching a lesson to all who join us.
- To help with the branding, we have new signs and logo as well as new shirts. The room will be painted sometime in July.
- We want to thank Trustees for the opportunity to repaint and change the logo.
- We are excited to becoming bigger and better.
- VBS and Summer Camp coming quickly.
- We will be showing the Cave Quest promo video May 1st and launching the sponsorship May 8th.
- Most of the supplies have been purchased.
- Summer Camp is ready to go. It's going to be Awesome!
- Also, we will be doing the Pumpkin Patch AND Trunk or Treat. Both are great outreach opportunities.

Worship: Eddie Pipkin

- We had a lovely Easter Season, A combined quarterly service on Mothers Day at 10:00 a.m, and a special Pentecost worship in May.
- Summer will be on the Book of Hebrews.
- There is a stand-alone and only one service on the 4th of July.
- There has been a good response on the worship stuff.
- A note made about the attendance being pretty solid the past couple of months.
- There is an awesome hospitality and wonderful tech crew who go above and beyond the call of duty.

Tech: Ken White

- It was brought to our attention that the video computer is on its last leg. It's about 8-9 years old.
- We are also looking at new lighting software, we would like to do more with the lights because what we have and it's limited.
- To help with the funds, Bonnie suggested we hold a fundraiser to help offset some of the costs. She suggested a Lip sync battle.
- This would be scheduled sometime in the Fall after school starts.
- We do have a back up computer at the moment.
- It was recommended that we create a master plan for the tech booth for all of the upcoming Tech needs so that we could work off a plan and avoid the stress in finding resources for the needs.
- This was agreed.

Special Needs:Ministry: Julie

- The special Needs Ministry is off to a good start.
- We have people in their young to mid 20s. Not younger.
- The ministry continues to pursue marketing options to let the community know what we have available.

General Conference: Leeann

- There are some big topics coming at the general conference.
- We need to come together around the things that matter most and all be in prayer.
- We have a diverse congregation, and diverse church.
- We have to figure out ways to be the church together.
- If you want to know details you can go online and follow it.
- Also you can follow the Daily Christian Advocate, if you don't see it in the newspaper.
- This years Conference is in Portland Oregon. We will have 9 delegates and a Bishop, Sue Halpert Johnson from Gainesville at the Conference.
- The Annual meeting is in Orlando for the first time. It's going to be out at Swan and Dolphin.
- If anyone is interested in going, it's June 15th through the 18th. Leeann will be going.

Hospitality: Becky

- Hospitality is working on bare bones.
- We are hoping to recruit new members at our meeting this Wednesday.
- It only requires about one hour of work.
- Gary Martin might be able to help.
- If anyone has suggestions of who would like to be on the Hospitality Table let Becky know.

Youth: Calvin-

- The Silent Auction is around the corner, Friday April 29th.
- We are accepting donations to auction off.
- We are getting in gear for the summer mission trips.
- We are going away from Orlando and are working with new organization.
- Also putting additional general summer stuff on the calendar and looking into more activities.
- One possible idea might be a kickball league.

Communication: Larry-

- Website has been updated and we are going strong with the Facebook Campaign.
- We have had a lot of people drawn to the site to check out the dates and times.
- The new members class number one response is that they found us on the website, liked what they saw and have matched up with us.
- We are trying to upgrade our website to a higher grade one Radiant.
- We have also found a different construct to see if it will serve our purposes.
- We are also looking into ways for people to contribute and make it easier to navigate.
- Working on the website is a lot for one person and takes a certain level of expertise.
- The daily devotions are going well and also a plus.
- It was confirmed that all of the campaigns for donations are up and running.

UMW- Larry

- Auction Garage Sale is May 7th .

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.