

Peace United Church of Christ Special Congregational meeting

September 22, 2013

Approved January 19, 2014

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss our financial situation; current income (giving) vs budget status.

It was determined by President Jim Kesterson that we had a quorum and the meeting was called to order.

Our treasurer Steve Diederich reported:

~in 2012 he had to move \$5,000 from the Hesse fund to meet finances

~in February of 2013, he had to borrow \$9K from special projects as we had several large bills to pay to start the year off

~we did receive a special gift offering of \$2K to assist with this

~as of [today](#) we are short \$2K to meet our bills for Oct. and \$11,002 behind for the year

~we have not made any payments to OCWM or CUE.

Clairnel noted on a positive note---membership and involvement is up, Youth attendance and involvement is awesome, and great things are happening!

BUT---we need help.

Suggestions/comments from the floor-

~Robyn Baylous-expressed concern for Clairnel going part time, suggested we have volunteers to clean.

~Joan Seidel-suggested cleaning teams.

~Nancy Jo Day-asked if we had to send money in for special offerings? Were these required when our own church was having budget issues?

~Brenda Reeder-suggested a special mailing-not by email so those that aren't able to come often can know.

~Kit Salter-Said he would give \$400 [today](#) and challenged 8 others to step forward to give. (He presented his check)

~Wendy Gustofson said that we would need a regular increase in giving or we will be back in the same shape.

~Jim K. reported that pledges had been attempted in the past, but was advised only approx. 30% came back with info.

~Clairnel reported that approximately 30% of our giving goes “outside” to help others and that when churches cut their missions first, it is shown that those churches are dying.

~Jim-said he had talked to some others and they sometimes have a "catch up [Sunday](#)".

Clairnel clarified she wants the church to succeed, but if there is no increase in giving, by default she would have to go part time.

Wayne Hilgedick presented Jim K. with a check for \$5000.

Members were asked to please help as they were able.

Move for adjournment by Nancy Lenger and a second by Cindy Glascock.

We adjourned at 11:25.

Sincerely,

Shari Bullard

PUCC Council secretary