

**Peace United Church of Christ**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**April 21, 2013**  
**Approved Sept 22, 2013**

President Jim Kesterson called the meeting to order at 11:19. Pastor Clairnel led the following in prayer: Jim Kesterson, Beverly Eflein, Charlotte Rathert, Benny Jestis, Lee Ann Jestis, Shari Bullard, Steve Diederich and guests noted below.

**PARKING LOT**

Brenda Reeder, Chester Hilgedick and Marsha Lammers were present as guests for the “paving VS concrete VS do nothing” at the West side of the church parking lot. Benny advised the estimate for concrete installation is \$5,000. This estimate is for the completion of a strip of concrete wide enough for cars to park on and that would connect to the sidewalk. Steve reported we have \$2018 designated for parking lot paving and that this amount is to be matched from church budget. There is still a question on who owns the road to the East of the church. There was discussion on the road to the North of church if it was a road or an alley. Lee Ann will have the road mapped to determine these questions. However it will not interfere with the project for installing concrete on the West side. Lee Ann made a motion to finish the concrete strip with the money designated and the remainder coming from the Hesse Fund. The Ayes of 4 carried it to one Nay. Benny will proceed with hiring the concrete out.

**REPORTS**

The March secretaries report was presented. Steve made a motion to accept the report and Lee Ann seconded it. The motion passed with 5 ayes.

The March treasurers report was presented. Lee Ann made a motion to accept the report and Charlotte seconded it. The motion passed with 5 ayes.

**UPDATES and reports**

**Cemetary**

Steve reported it is in the works, however he has limited mobility due to foot surgery and the increase in rain has caused a delay. The PUCC youth group will be asked to help clean up the area for a community service project. le-sticks, old grave flowers, etc. Lee Ann reminded us the goal was to have it ready for Memorial Day.

**Pastor report**

Clairnel reported Easter went great, we missed one Sunday for snow, she encouraged attendance for Blessing of the Seeds in May, and for the annual meeting Peter Oleski would like to be our representative. Shari made a motion for Peter to be approved as our representative and for another youth to go with him if they would like. Charlotte seconded it and the motion passed with 5 ayes.

### **Conference meeting**

Jim reported he attended and thoroughly enjoyed being a conference delegate and it was an “excellent experience”. He gave the council an update on it.

### **Memorial Funds designations by families**

Shari contacted Wendy March 17 regarding the list that Wendy had already worked on. Wendy advised she would look for it and reply. No response yet, so Shari advised she would contact her again. (SHARI BULLARD had to leave meeting at this point for family get-together. Charlotte Rather t took over for minutes)

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### **Secretary Position Update:**

Bev Elfin reports that Caroline Hilgedick will be the new secretary. There were 15 applicants of which 3 finalists were interviewed. Employee package includes hourly pay of \$10.50 per hour, 1 week paid vacation after 6 months, working 4 hours per day for a total of 20 hours per week. Caroline is talented with computer skills. Caroline is the daughter of Barbara and Marvin Hilgedick.

- The committee recommends that Church Council develop a policy about hiring personnel related to church protecting confidentiality and preventing hard feelings if situation doesn't work out.
- Lee Ann Justis suggests Church council requests the hiring committee to report back to the council before hiring personnel. Discussion on hiring process
- Bev moved to approve hiring Caroline, second by Clairnel, motion passed with 5 ayes.

### **Anniversary Committee/ Ham Dinner:**

It was suggested that Charlotte Rathert contact Rose Walker, Cricket Hackman, Jo Hackman, Carmen Hughes, Wayne Hilgedick, Ganelle Cunningham, Ann Lewis?, Dottie Manns, Brenda Reeder, Beckmeyers, & Virginia Birdsong to help organize a community dinner for donations which will be used to purchase a commemorative bench for the park. A street dance was also suggested if dinner held at the Legion Hall, weather permitting.

### **Disaster Relief Mission Group:**

Need to pick a date for a meeting to discuss with Biff Barner to organize the men of the church interested in participating in the group. Need to check on 'Rebuild Joplin date. Benny and Lee Ann Justis will talk to Biff about dates and set up a meeting. The group needs a leader, preferably someone that can serve on Church Council.

### **Cemetary Update:**

- It was suggested that the Youth Group pick up trash at the cemetery before Memorial Day.

- Steve Diedrich gave an update.

#### Church Workday:

- June 1 will be the deadline for completion of jobs. Lee Ann will make a ladder with tasks attached for members to choose from.
- Tasks :
  - Clean Small Room off the Kitchen - Benny Justis
  - Clean Kitchen → garage sale of unwanted items
  - Children's Room - must be sanitized since cat was in there. Off limits to children until sanitized.
  - Small Bathroom upstairs - new wallpaper and paint
  - Youth will plant flowers around outside of church
  - Sign out front needs work
  - Spot clean cushions on chairs downstairs
  - Pressure wash outside - Kliff Bullard usually brings a bucket truck
  - Stair treads?

#### New Business:

Children's room is to be quarantined until sanitized.

#### Ministry Reports:

- Children & Youth Ministry: Bev Elfin reports that Laura Kays resigned from the committee. Danielle Ryals will replace her.
- Worship Ministry: Keith Baylous was absent due to the death of his step father, Mel Rupard. Lee Ann will cook a meal for his family.
- Local Church Ministry: Benny will contact concrete contractor for parking lot.
  - Benny trimmed the bushes, wrapped the waterheater, and removed the cat.
- Caring and Connecting: No Report
- Wider Church Ministry - Lee Ann suggested that the Food Resource Bank be re-explained to the congregation and emphasis on the 'Blessing of the Seeds' at the Bullards' to encourage increase in attendance.
  - Also suggested that we hang the Thank yous from UCC for giving, Jim Kesterson will frame and ask Steve Wyatt to hang.

Meeting adjourned with the Lords Prayer at 1:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Rathert