

Peace United Church of Christ
Council Minutes
August 25, 2013
Approved Sept 22, 2013

President Jim Kesterson called the meeting to order. Pastor Clairnel led the following in prayer: Jim, LeAnn and Benny Jestis, Keith Baylous, Steve Diederich, and Shari Bullard.

The treasures report was received and reviewed. LeAnn moved to accept the treasure report as submitted and Shari seconded it. Steve updated the Special Accounts list with the information obtained for certain memorial gifts and where to designate. Vote-5 ayes; zero nays

The secretary report was received and reviewed. LeAnn moved to accept the secretary report as submitted and Keith seconded it. Vote-5 ayes; zero nays

Pastor report

Clairnel reported that Peter Oleski was asked to be on the Visioning Committee for the Mid-Mo South Conference of UCC. He will hear soon if he is approved. She brought up the status of the Church library. LeAnn said she would check with Nancy Sell to see what details she had about the library cart.

Clairnel reported that she will be on vacation after Christmas. Suggestions were for Christmas Carol Sing for the Sunday after Christmas. The other two Sundays have been covered for Pastor supply.

Old Business

Jim provided mission statement examples and a link to a website for council to review. A suggestion for our mission statement-PEACE-People excelling at Christian Endeavors. A vision is a little longer. Clairnel suggested a vision statement : Peace UCC is a community of faith that seeks to follow the teaching of Jesus by loving God and loving our neighbor. Members will review handouts and suggestions and discuss/ decide at October council meeting.

20th anniversary Remembrance of the 1993 flood- LeAnn provided information that she and Charlotte have been discussing. Charlotte is going to meet with some community members that went through the flood. The ham dinner will be the same as in the past. The price will increase for the first time in several years this year. There will be a DVD playing on the TV downstairs of pictures. There might be some displays. They will be asking ahead for some community folks to tell some memories they have of the flood during the meal. Don Wilson will talk about how the flood and mission trips have influenced his life at the church service that day.

Copy machine-Jim reported the machine is up and running and Clairnel noted it is excellent for scanning and printing songs that need manipulating.

Carpet for the sanctuary – The carpet bids were received and reviewed. Steve moved that we select the “warm snow”, but final approval will be done later once funds are met. The only reason we are even able to look into this suggestion is due to some “seed” money given as a gift to the church as well as there being money available in the building fund. The money in the building fund was given by individuals with the intent it will be used for building improvements. It cannot be used for the operating fund to pay our day to day bills.

Budget-The need for additional funds to the operating fund continues to be a need. Discussion was held for suggestions/options and we determined that there is a need to discuss this serious situation with the congregation. September 22 was set as the date for the meeting. Shari will ask Caroline to put it in the bulletin.

Cemetery update-Steve is hoping to get started right away. He is in the process of getting the equipment down here from St. Louis area.

Mission trip--Steve moved that we approve the mission trip for August 31 through September 6. Shari seconded it. Vote-5 ayes; zero nays

Council terms were reviewed:.

Keith, Jim and Shari (serving partial term) will be done in 2014

Benny, LeAnn and Bev will be done in 2015

Steve and Charlotte will be done in 2016

We will recruit for a president elect and will ask Cindy to check around. The council agreed for Clairnel to see if one of the youth members would be interested in joining council. There has been discussion of importance of involving youth in the church in all aspects, as well as council. Shari agreed to serve as secretary for another term.

Council notebooks-Clainel reminded members to make a notebook for the person that takes their place to help ease the transition. Shari pointed out it was very confusing coming into council without one and just making sure that all new members have the minutes from the last year is helpful.

Cross Wall- A church in Joplin has a wall where visitors can place a cross when they visit. The youth saw this and wanted to ask if our church could do it as well. Members thought it was a good idea and will discuss it more later.

Concrete payment- Steve moved that \$5000 from the Hesse fund be used for general fund expenses. LeAnn seconded it. Vote-5 ayes; zero nays

Steve also moved that in addition to matching funds the Hesse fund will pay the balance of the concrete expenses and then the balance of the Hesse fund will go to the building fund. LeAnn seconded it. Vote-5 ayes; zero nays

Pictorial directory-Clairnel noted we are overdue for one. She mentioned three options: Olan Mills, take our own pictures and print our own, or use an online option. We will discuss these and other options later.

Reports of Ministries

Children and Youth-Bev out of town

Worship-Keith none

Local church basic ministry-Benny

~Concrete is done and looks great

~Drain at north side porch- hole cleaned out and pump replaced.

~As of today, 9 men are going on Mission trip. Steve will prepare check for Benny to take for expenses.

Caring and Connecting-Charlotte out of town

Wider church ministry-LeAnn none

The next meeting will be September 22 following the Congregational meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:14 with members reciting the Lords Prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Bullard

Secretary