

**Peace United Church of Christ
Council Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2013
Approved March 17, 2013**

President Jim Kesterson called the meeting to order at 11:25. Pastor Clairnel led the following in prayer: Jim Kesterson, Bev Eflein, Keith Baylous, Charlotte Rathert, Bennie Jestis, Lee Ann Jestis, Shari Bullard,

Steve made a motion to accept the secretary report from January with the correction under the heading of miscellaneous and discussion of council roles to change VP to President Elect and change from "Steve" to "Jim" for President. Keith seconded it and the motion passed with 6 ayes.

The treasurer report was presented. Steve noted the workers comp (w/c) insurance and church insurance had increased this year. When he had to come up with the \$9000 to pay for the large bills that come once a year, he obtained it from special projects. Discussion was held and Donna will be asked to compare 2 w/c insurances for comparison. Jim will check to see if there is a legal requirement that we have to carry w/c. We will ask Danielle to provide YTD (year to date) and MTD (month to date) summary so the congregation can know exactly where we are on our income/expenses. Council would like this to be listed in the bulletin and the monthly newsletter. Lee Ann made a motion to accept the treasure report and Shari seconded it. The motion passed with 6 ayes.

OLD BUSINESS

Memorial checks-Donna will put a note in the Messenger re:checks not being cashed and request for them to be resent directly to the church. (Fred Hilgedick memorial)

Cemetery-Steve will check with Rick to get this project started. Steve and a friend have volunteered to work on the water drainage issues while Rick has obtained an estimate for stump removal, leveling of some holes and reseeded in grass. The goal is to have this done by Memorial Day 2013.

Parking lot-Lee Ann and Bennie will get estimates from an asphalt company VS concrete strips for the parking lot. We are trying to determine what kind of interest there is from the congregation for either option or none.

BYLAWS-Shari will ask Donna to provide Bylaws to all members so we can review and discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Coverage-The Pastors coverage for Clairnel during her vacation (Son, Matthew's wedding) were reviewed.

Moser's receipts-Nancy Jo Day has volunteered to collect receipts and take them to Mosers for the church. Our month that we will have the collection bucket out at Mosers will be August-2013, but we can collect all year long. We get ½ % of receipt totals. Shari moved that we accept her offer to coordinate this and Lee Ann seconded it. The motion passed with 6 ayes.

Secretary position-Donna will be retiring in April. A committee of Danielle Diederich, Bev and Clairnel will discuss the way the former financial secretary functioned and learn what functions Danielle is performing to see what functions the council will discuss about coming into the paid secretary position.

Gravel in parking lot-Vincent Barner donated a truck, his time and gravel and did a wonderful job applying a deep load of gravel to the church parking lot. Shari will send a thank you note on behalf of the council and congregation-(completed 2/18/13)

Conference Delegates-We will discuss at March meeting.

REPORT OF MINISTRIES

Children and Youth-Bev reported the Bell Choir is coming along and performed today.

Worship -Keith advised no updates.

Local Church Basic ministry-Bennie advised the expansion tank on the water heater in the AA room was being worked on. Charlotte moved we used building funds to replace and put a pressure regulator on line into the church. Shari seconded it and the motion carried with 6 ayes.

Caring and Connection Ministry-Charlotte advised no updates.

Wider Church Ministry-In a vote via email from Lee Ann it was approved to allow the Historical committee purchase up to \$100 worth of plastic storage boxes to keep the historical items safer. Those voting ayes-Keith, Bev, Shari, Lee Ann and Bennie. Motion passed.

Frugal meal volunteers:

March 7- Charlotte

March 14-Steve

March 21-Shari

The next meeting will be March 17 following church.

We dismissed at 1:05 and recited the Lords Prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Bullard
Secretary