

Peace United Church of Christ
Council minutes
February 16, 2014
Approved March 16, 2014

Attending: Lee Ann Jestis, Benny Jestis, Charlotte Rathert, Brad Belew, Clairnel, Bailey Lenger, Bev Elflein, Steve Diederich and Shari Bullard

The meeting was called to order and Pastor Clairnel led us in prayer.

Ben Grabner and Bailey Lenger from the Peace UCC Youth Group gave a presentation on the Youth Cross wall proposal. (attached) Charlotte made a motion for the youth group to proceed with a second by Benny. 6 ayes; 0 nays They will give a brief presentation to the congregation at the 2/23/14 church service.

The minutes from the December council meeting was approved by way of motion by Steve and a second from Brad. 6 ayes; 0 nays

The treasure report for January was approved by way of motion by Shari and a second from Bev. 6 ayes; 0 nays

Ministers report

Clairnel announced she was selected to be a General Synod delegate. This will take place in 2015 in Cleveland, Ohio. Kuddos to Clairnel !

We have the opportunity to share our events with the community via the local newspaper- The Boone County Journal. Board of Christian Education is going to submit news 1 week a month and council agreed to submit activities/news for the church 1 week a month. Lee Ann is going to get with Caroline and Clairnel for this weeks deadline so we can get the upcoming Youth Potato Bar publicized.

Custodian update-for now she is able to continue working and would like to stay for as long as we decide to have someone hired or until her business takes off.

Calendar review

We will meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month following church **EXCEPT** for the following dates:

April 13 (Easter conflict)

June 22 (Father's day conflict)

July (no meeting)

August 10 (Rally Day conflict)

December 14 (Christmas week conflict)

Old business

The Mission trip opportunities will be discussed to check for interest. A couple of emails have gone out for an upcoming opportunity. Also possibility of a need in St. Louis.

New business

LENTEN MEALS-Since attendance has been down for the weekly Lenten meals, this year we decided to have one meal and program. We will still have Ash Wednesday program (no meal) and Maundy Thursday program (no meal). Clairnel will check over calendar and advise what day would be good for the 1 meal/program date. Church members will bring sandwiches, Steve will supply beef soup, Jim Bullard will bring chicken noodle and council members items as determined to be needed.

Audit of treasury books- Ellen Kesterson has offered to audit books for 2013. Steve will get the information to her.

CONFIRMATION MINI-RETREAT-There will be a confirmation mini-retreat in St. Louis March 7-8. The Friday evening will be lessons (catch up due to weather) and then Saturday morning will volunteer for mission project. Clairnel requested funds from the Ahman fund to cover expenses. Shari moved \$250 be allowed for this and Brad second the motion. 6 ayes; 0 nays

Bev also moved to approve the March 7-8 trip for confirmation kids to travel to St. Louis. Shari second it. 6 ayes; 0 nays.

Special giving (request for change in date of requesting assistance from congregation) At Christmas time, we request gifts for the ECH children to be able to give to their family members. It was noted we could have a "Christmas in July" and collect them then. It was also pointed out we could do this during VBS too. The group agreed this would be good. We will still have our Green Breakfast and Christmas eve collection for the ECH fund.

GOALS-Lee Ann asked us to think of goals for 2014 that we would like to accomplish.

PAVILLION- The pavilion was reported on by Brad and Benny. There is a prior proposal from 2013 for \$5400. Size 32 x 26. It was decided to get with those families that are funding this activity for input and ideas.

Report of Ministries

- Children and Youth-Bev-positions are all now filled for BCE
- Worship-Bailey-none
- Local Church-Benny-Front porch steps tiles options being looked into; furnace change out will happen soon
- Caring and Connecting –Charlotte reported the circle would like to have a kitchen shower and are in the process of getting a list together.

- Wider church-Brad-none

Other notes

The circle had conversation about carpeting, the red draperies and red upholstered chairs. Possibility wouldn't match when we change color carpet. Lee Ann will discuss with her family as the drapes were a memorial fund for a family member.

As noted in December minutes, we had an anonymous donation of \$15K for use at council discretion. Discussion was held regarding the endowment fund. It was decided to place \$5K of this into the endowment fund. Steve made the motion to place \$5k into the endowment fund. Shari second the motion. 6 aye; 0 nays.

Military wall-Shari asked if the group wanted the bulletin board to be similar to the ones in the back of the church and was advised yes. She will proceed with purchasing it.

The meeting adjourned with members reciting the Lord's Prayer at 13:10.

Several members stayed afterwards to enjoy a nice lunch provided by the youth group.

Sincerely,

Shari Bullard
Secretary