

Peace United Church of Christ Council Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2013

Approved February 17, 2013

President Jim Kesterson called the meeting to order at 11:10. Pastor Clairnel led the following in prayer: Jim Kesterson, Bev Eflein, Keith Baylous, Charlotte Rathert, Benny Jestis, Shari Bullard, Bev made a motion to accept the secretary report from December. Charlotte seconded it and the motion passed with 7 ayes.

Steve provided us with copies of the December treasurer's report and asked Shari to report that he had to move \$9,000 from special projects and put into general fund to pay January bills. Keith motioned to accept the report and Shari seconded it. The motion passed with 7 ayes. The budget was discussed and we will continue to review and also look for ways to encourage giving. Possible ideas:

- ~Mission moments
- ~Bulletin fact sheet
- ~Newsletter
- ~Spreadsheet to show where needs are

OLD BUSINESS

Furnace-Benny advised the furnace issue was resolved and was due to birds building in the pipes. He has installed a fix to keep them from being able to enter the pipe.

Treasurer books – Ellen Kesterson has agreed to audit the books as Steve requested.

Foods Resource Bank- Check mailed in January for \$11K and more will follow- approximately \$25-30K.

NEW BUSINESS

Cemetery -Council would like to move forward with the improvements to the cemetery grounds. Jim will call Rick Hilgedick with request it be completed by Memorial Day.

Door mats at entrances are dirty-Benny will power wash them.

Parking lot paving donations-Jim is going to check on this.

Conference delegates-will be determined next meeting.

REPORT OF MINISTRIES

Children and Youth-Bev reported that the BCE advised the cost of the room divider was approximately \$3900. The BCE asked if this could wait to be installed. Shari made a motion for them to continue with the project without the divider and Bennie seconded it. The motion passed.

Worship -Keith advised no updates.

MISCELLANEOUS

Clairnel advised she would be here for Ash Wednesday, but then would miss the next two Thursday Frugal Meals due to being out of the country for Matthews wedding. Council agreed we would cancel these two dates.

Council roles were reviewed for the newcomers Charlotte and Shari:

Keith-Worship

Bev-Children and Youth

Benny-Local Church Basic Ministry (oversees building/grounds

Charlotte-Caring & Connecting (Altar committee, caring committee and Ladies Circle)

Shari-secretary

Steve-Treasurer

LeeAnn-President-Elect

Jim-President

Donna will be asked to provide council members with copies of the Bylaws so that we may review and update as needed at a future meeting.

Steve will be asked to add the year of death to the Memorial fund listings so that we are able to track the age of the account so that we may follow the provisions in the in the Memorial Fund policy.

A chair lift was suggested and that will be discussed at another meeting.

It was mentioned that we could have a 20 year flood remembrance event. We will discuss this at another meeting.

Donna's retirement- She has requested no gifts, but cards are fine. If folks wanted to make a donation to a benevolence fund for Clairnel to use, she would appreciate that.

The next meeting will be February 17 following church.

We dismissed at 12:45 and recited the Lords Prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Bullard

Secretary