

Peace United Church of Christ
Council retreat minutes
November 23, 2014
Approved Dec 14, 2014

President Lee Ann Jestis called the meeting to order at 11:48. Pastor Clairnel led us in prayer. Those attending: Brad Belew, Steve Diederich, Bailey Lenger, Charlotte Rathert, Benny Jestis, Shari Bullard and oncoming members- Nancy Lenger, Cricket Hackmann, and Fred Klippel.

The October minutes were presented and Steve motioned to accept and Charlotte second. All ayes and 0 nays.

The treasure report was presented and Benny motioned to accept and Charlotte second. All ayes and 0 nays. Steve also reported that the special accounts have had lots of activity recently. Please note details in treasurer report. We have also received a gift of \$5,000 to use as needed. Steve recommended we deposit in the savings as we will possibly need it for next year's bills. Shari made a motion to deposit into the church savings and Brad made a second. 6 ayes and 0 nays. Steve also reported we have paid all of our offering commitments as of to date-ie OCWM, etc.

Ministers report-Clairnel reported this has been one of her busiest months ever for hospital visits, illnesses and surgeries. During her visits, the members have reported their appreciation for the cards, prayers, prayer quilts, meals, etc. that they receive.

OLD BUSINESS

Memorials-Shari reported the memorial trees for Jeanne McDonald will be coming soon. She will call MO ONE CALL so you will notice flags near the pavilion and church sign.

Pavilion discussion-They will be making final decisions for gables, etc. Much work has been completed and all the workers volunteering has been appreciated.

NEW BUSINESS

Steve asked if we wanted to purchase Terrorism coverage for \$21/year? We declined after discussion.

Members broke from the meeting to enjoy an awesome lunch prepared by council members and Jim Bullard.

Following lunch, we began the Retreat meeting. All members shared with oncoming members their job titles and responsibilities. Our new members we welcome are: Nancy Lenger-President Elect; Cricket Hackman-Children and Youth ministry; Fred Klippel-Local Church Basic Ministry. We reviewed that 2013 minutes show that Brad, Bailey and Shari started their terms. Leaving after December of 2014 will be Lee Ann, Benny and Bev.

Steve would like to retire from treasurer soon. We discussed the need for training for this position, perhaps a treasure elect? Benny suggested a calendar should be prepared for the new person that outlines the specific timing of certain bills, certain offerings and their due dates. We also discussed needing an additional person be able to sign checks for church. President? Cindy Glascock (nomination committee chair) will be notified of this information.

Shari asked what we could do to help with connecting with members/visitors that seem to have stopped coming. All agreed it is a delicate subject to approach and some members/visitors would like contact "we've missed you" and some would prefer no contact. We will discuss more in January on this topic; but discussed adding it to our monthly agenda.

We then finished our meeting with 2015 Calendar review.

~May 10 Graduation banquet will be changed to another date (end of April?) due to falling on Mother's day.

~ The June 21 Council date will be changed to June 14 due to the 21st being Father's Day.

~Brad will check with the Bullard men and the McCollum's and others in the back rows area to see if they would be interested in handling one of the 5th Sunday meals and the Council will take the other 5th Sunday meal.

The meeting was adjourned at 14:28 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Bullard
Secretary