

Peace United Church of Christ
Council Minutes
September 22, 2013
Approved Oct 20, 2013

President Jim Kesterson called the meeting to order at 11:37. Pastor Clairnel led the following in prayer: Jim, Lee Ann and Benny Jestis, Keith Baylous, Charlotte Rathert, Steve Diederich, Beverly Elflein and Shari Bullard.

The secretary report was April was received and reviewed. Steve moved to accept the report as submitted and Benny seconded it. Vote-6 ayes; zero nays. The secretary report for August was received and reviewed. Steve moved to accept the secretary report as submitted and Keith seconded it. Vote- 6 ayes; zero nays

The treasures report was received and reviewed. Shari moved to accept the treasure report as submitted and Benny seconded it. Vote-6 ayes; zero nays

Minister's report

The Ministers report was received. In addition Bailey has agreed to serve on council and Clairnel is going to be coordinating a safety visit by the SBCFPD. The Peace Award was decided and will be presented Sunday, September 30.

Old Business

Steve moved that we adopt the mission statement that Jim had suggested and the vision statement that Clairnel suggested last month. Benny seconded it. Vote is 6 ayes; zero nays. Mission statement is **“PEACE-People excelling at Christian Endeavors”** Our vision statement: **“Peace UCC is a community of faith that seeks to follow the teaching of Jesus by loving God and loving our neighbor.”**

20th anniversary Remembrance of the 1993 flood- Charlotte and Lee Ann provided an update. The profits will be put towards replacing the A/C and possibly heating system. The A/C keeps freezing up and then leaks on the library ceiling causing damage. They are both old and in need of replacement.

Carpet for the sanctuary – Due to the financial situation, the carpet replacement is being tabled till a later date. We have been advised the \$2500 ear marked for this project can be used for whatever is needed to assist the church with bills.

Cemetery update-Much work was completed! Thank you to Steve for coordinating this and to the youth and the leaders for helping with seeding and strawing and picking up lots of sticks! Many others assisted Steve as well. Steve asked if the council would consider reimbursing \$1500 to assist with expenses of those helping. It would be for their expenses of wear and tear and gas; not for labor. Shari moved that Council would pay \$1500 to Steve with intent he divide to those in need of reimbursement for the machinery use/gas. Charlotte seconded it. 6 ayes; zero nays.

Council agreed the yuccas could be removed from the cemetery as they interfere with mowing and do not follow cemetery guidelines. Clairnel will meet with the cemetery committee regarding an updated plan. ie-possibly paving a path down the middle to assist those with ambulatory issues, placing benches for those in need to sit along the paved path.

New Pictorial directory-tabled

Council Slate of officers will be placed in Messenger with note of upcoming election on 3rd Sunday in October.

President-to be determined
Secretary-Shari Bullard
Worship ministry-Bailey Lenger

Council notebooks-Clainel reminded members to make a notebook for the person that takes their place to help ease the transition

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. Charlotte will ask the Circle for their input on placement.

New Business

Congregational meeting discussion-Jim will send a letter out explaining need for increase in giving to assist with church budget.

Military-Shari brought up another church had asked for her sons picture for their military wall. She also mentioned that we list only those serving in harms way and asked we consider listing all that are serving. It was mentioned to ask Robyn Lenger for suggestions/ideas on how to display. Shari will do so.

Reports of Ministries

Children and Youth-none-Bev

Worship-none-Keith

Local church basic ministry-Benny will obtain an estimate for A/C and furnace replacement

Caring and Connecting-Charlotte will check with Circle regarding Cross Wall

Wider church ministry-none- Lee Ann

The next meeting will be October 20 following congregational meeting for approval of slate of officers.

The meeting was adjourned at 13:04 with members reciting the Lords Prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Bullard-Secretary