

Peace United Church of Christ
Council Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2013
Approved April 21, 2013

President Jim Kesterson called the meeting to order at 11:28. Pastor Clairnel led the following in prayer: Jim Kesterson, Keith Baylous, Charlotte Rathert, Bennie Jestis, Lee Ann Jestis, Shari Bullard, Steve Diederich.

Steve made a motion to accept the secretarys report from February with the correction of adding him to those attending. LeAnn seconded it and the motion passed with 6 ayes.

The treasurer report was presented and reviewed. Finances are about the same. Clairnel will ask Donna to put budget summary in this months Messenger. Keith made a motion to accept the treasure report and Charlotte seconded it. The motion passed with 6 ayes.

Pastors report

Clairnel would like to take vacation May 9-10 for her niece's graduation. She will not lose anytime from Sunday services for it.

OLD BUSINESS

Secretary position committee update-Steve advised that it takes about an hour/week for Danielle to perform the financial secretary functions she does. (count the offering money, deposit it, give Steve information of specific designations, keeps record of giving information, sends out Memorial thank you notes). There will be a hiring committee consisting of lead-Bev and a member from circle and a member of the church. Jim will call Bev to update her on this.

Current Secretarys unused vacation-There won't be time for Donna to take her vacation before she leaves and she has asked if she could be paid for it. Charlotte made a motion for Donna to be paid her vacation, Lee Ann seconded it and the motion passed with 6 ayes.

Cemetary-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 reseeding 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. We will invite the congregation to April council meeting to discuss this.

Bylaws-Shari will ask Donna to provide Bylaws changes to all members so we can review and discuss. She provided us with the last printed version of the Bylaws.

Workers Compensation insurance-Jim reported he found that if you have > 5 employees, you must carry w/c. Steve is going to check to see if we are paying for the custodian and the lawn mowing service workers.

Conference Delegates-Jim volunteered to go to the Conference meeting on April 20. The Annual meeting will be at the Lake of the Ozarks June 7-9 and we will ask Donna to put some information in the Messenger advising the church will sponsor someone to attend this. (pay for hotel and conference fees)

Food Resource Bank-All FRB beans have been sold and the final check will be coming soon.

Memorial Fund designation by families-Wendy had worked on this prior and Shari will contact her to see where she is with the project.

NEW BUSINESS

Mission Statement- Clairnel presented a suggestion and Jim asked all of us to read it over and come prepared to discuss.

20th Anniversary Remembrance of the Flood- Charlotte will work on discussing with past members involved in the Fire House Café to see about a Community Event and that we will ask the Baptist Church to participate in as well. More ideas to come and we'll put a notice in the Messenger.

Men's Disaster relief Mission trip- Lee Ann will ask Biff if the next trip has been planned and date.

Youth Mission Trip – Steve made a motion to approve the Youth Mission trip to Joplin from June 9-15. Shari seconded it and the motion carried with 6 ayes.

Work Day - Bennie and Lee Ann have started a list of some things that need to be done around the church. Coming up with a "work day" isn't easy, so Clairnel pointed out that members could sign up and pick something that fit their talents. Discussion was held and members will be asked to provide their input into possible projects that need to be done. (Noting everything requested won't necessarily be able to be done)

REPORT OF MINISTRIES

Children and Youth- Bev ill today, no report.

Worship -Keith advised no updates.

Local Church Basic ministry- Bennie advised no updates.

Caring and Connection Ministry- Charlotte advised Circle has purchased a warming tray, but no other updates.

Wider Church Ministry-Lee Ann advised no updates

Jim read a THANK YOU note from the youth thanking the church for letting them paint the youth group room.

The next meeting will be April 21 following church. We dismissed at 1:12 and recited the Lords Prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Bullard--Secretary