

**Port Charlotte United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting
Monday, April 8, 2013**

Terry Hixson opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

The minutes from the March 4, 2013 meeting were approved.

Council Reports

Salty Service – Mike Hald

- . A meeting was held on March 18th. All ministries are doing well.
- . Meal tickets are on sale for Kairos prison ministry which is scheduled for April 18-21. These \$5.00 tickets will purchase a meal for one of the Kairos participants.
- . Salty Service is in the process of finding a new Christmas dinner coordinator to replace Bob and Chris Burr.
- . A motion to approve a Synergy Plan was presented to Council. This involves the summer “Feed the Children” Program at our church. Salty Service would like to sell tickets for a seafood dinner on May 25th. Proceeds after cost would then go to help fund this program. Discussions ensued; motion passed.

Discipleship

No report given.

Hospitality – Marcie Marshall

- . A Welcome Reception for Pastor Jim Kuse was held on March 17th. Approximately 175 people were in attendance.
- . During Holy Week, Pastor Brian held a Bible Study March 25-27 which included lunch provided by the Hospitality Committee.
- . One funeral reception was held during March.
- . Our greeters continue to welcome people to the church. The Welcome Center is available before and after church to assist people and welcome all who stop by. Recruitment of volunteers continues.
- . Sid and Dottie White are coordinating Sunday morning fellowship in the lobby.
- . The Radical Hospitality Committee welcomes all who want to extend the hand of fellowship to our members and visitors.

Staff-Parish – Tom Marshall

- . Ericka Brown met with SPR to discuss her strengths, accomplishments, and what improvement is needed; also, what might occur in the future with ObamaCare.
- . SPR also acted upon a personnel matter.

Finance/Treasurer – Frank Hansen

- . The church is in good shape financially.
- . As of the end of March, we are \$24,000 over budget due to paying our insurance in full early in the year.

Two motions were passed: (1) \$4500 given to Meals on Wheels for upgrading and modifying their store to generate more money. (2) Budgeted \$1000 for Katherine to use for advertising purposes.

A committee was formed to investigate the value and need for advertising next year and to come up with a budget.

Trustees – Mike Sniecinski

The Sarasota Church Planners' survey is progressing. Chuck Kinter has been meeting with all chair people and church leaders for the past couple of weeks.

All soffits have been repaired and painted.

New Liberty grinder pumps have been installed in lift station at a cost of \$4300.

Rosemae Brown bequest of \$50,000 has been received.

CWM has requested an outdoor play area shade screen canopy, outbuilding for storage of playground toys, additional playground equipment – handicap swing, swings and trash cans. Also, a church washer and dryer would be welcomed. The park playground area needs to be fenced.

Worship – Karen Wenck

The committee reviewed the Palm Sunday service and felt that the "Proclamation of the Passion" was very well received by the congregation. Special thanks to Steven and Linda Brown for their work on this project.

Plans for Holy Week were finalized.

Plans for Pentecost and Mother's and Father's day are in progress. On April 14th there will be a time for the Gideon presentation.

A motion recommending that we do an installation of church leaders at the beginning of the year was presented to Council. This would give the congregation the opportunity to know their leaders and positions. It was recommended that the theme for the second Sunday in January would be "leadership" with time to do the installation. Discussion ensued. Motion carried.

Men's Ministry – Joe Wilcek

Turnout for the pancake breakfast held on April 6th was the largest so far this year.

Thirty-three chairs were purchased for Wednesday Night dinners and other occasions at a cost of \$590.04.

Youth Representative – Paul Kisner

The youth had a movie night, bowling night and a community service day during the week of spring break. All events were well attended. During the community service day, the youth trimmed bushes, weeded flower beds and laid mulch in the back parking lot of the church in preparation for Easter Fest and Easter Sunday. The youth were active volunteers for our annual East Fest outreach.

Work to complete camp registration and preparing for the summer will occur in April. Due to Paul's mini vacation, there will be no youth meeting on May 1st.

Port Representative – Dawn Kisner

Children's ministry is growing strong as more families are seen in all our areas.

- . Easter Fest and Holy Week were very moving experiences for children's ministry and well attended.
- . Plans for Vacation Bible School are continuing and volunteers are needed. May 7th starts sign-up for church children and May 8th for the community.
- . "Acts of Faith" Flag and Puppet team will go to Sterling House to worship with D Fletcher on April 14th.
- . Meadow Park Elementary has requested permission to use our campus to have a carwash, yard sale and bake sale on Saturday, May 6th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot so the children in Mrs. Sunnabourg's third grade class can raise monies for Juvenile Diabetes.

CWM Representative

No report given.

Lay Leadership – Pastor Brian

- . Pastor Brian is setting up appointments for those individuals who have submitted leadership applications.
- . Interfaith discipleship classes were discussed; in particular, the controversial March 10th class on Jainism where Pastor Brian had no input. Two forms (Promotion Request Form and Bulletin Request Form) were then circulated to Council members for their review in hopes of alleviating any future problems.
- . The prayer board was also discussed and it was determined that no action would be taken. If problems should arise in the future, they will be dealt with at that time.

Other Business

- . Carol Hansen spoke about Chick-Fil-A Leadercast on Friday, May 10th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at First Alliance Church. Speakers will include Andy Stanley and Condoleezza Rice.
- . Bob Burr again requested comments on the PCUMC Church Council Leadership Covenant which had been tabled from last month. Options were presented: (1) enforce the Covenant and those who refuse to sign it may not serve in a leadership position or on a committee; (2) those who oppose the Covenant and who are presently in a leadership position will be asked to resign; (3) such persons will serve out their term and may not be reelected or selected anew until the Covenant is signed; (4) eliminate the Covenant requirement altogether; or (5) redraft the Covenant agreement. Another lively discussion ensued. It was decided that we would keep the Covenant and will determine next month what the consequences will be if someone does not sign it.

Closing

Pastor Brian closed the meeting with prayer.

Minutes submitted by Joan Sniecinski, Secretary

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records for all transactions. It emphasizes that proper record-keeping is essential for ensuring the integrity and reliability of financial data.

2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze data. It details the procedures for gathering information from different sources and the techniques employed to process and interpret the results.

3. The third part of the document focuses on the application of statistical analysis to the collected data. It explains how statistical methods are used to identify trends, test hypotheses, and draw meaningful conclusions from the data.

4. The final part of the document discusses the implications of the findings and the overall conclusions drawn from the study. It highlights the significance of the results and offers suggestions for further research and practical applications.