

Port Charlotte UMC Council

September 19, 2016

Attending: Chris Burr, Salty Service	Tom Marshall, Staff-Parish	Dean Winston, Generosity
Gary McCullough, Finance	Craig Moore, Senior Pastor	Deb Valler, Hospitality
Sandy Segur, UMW	Gayla Pressner, Church Admin.	Bob Burr, visitor
Frank Hansen, visitor	Terry Hixson, Lay Leader	Pat Winston, Recording Sec.

Terry Hixson opened the meeting at 5:30 with a devotion from John 1:4-5, followed by the opening prayer.

The Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted, pending any future revisions.

Salty Service: Chair Chris Burr reported that Habitat for Humanity asked that the church be involved in the Apostles Build. A grant was not awarded, which would result in a charge of \$4,800.00. The committee is leaning towards sending in \$915.50 - \$1,000.00 to go toward the build.

Finance: Chair Gary McCullough provided a detailed report as of the end of August, 2016. Gary made a motion to accept the committee's recommendation to reimburse the Scholarship Award Fund for any funds used by the Children's Worship Ministry from any profits. The Children's Worship Ministry profits will be evaluated at the end of the year. Also the Committee requests approval to transfer one half of line item 135 (Scholarship Interest Accrual) to line item 136 (Emergency Contingency Fund) which would be \$12,138.00 out of the \$30,000.00 Fund. The remaining \$17,862.00 would go to Scholarship. The motion was seconded by Bob Burr and approved.

United Methodist Women: Sandy Segur reported that the first meeting was held in September and had a good attendance. She predicts that the Ministry will grow quickly and may need a bigger meeting room. There are some women who need transportation and Sandy asked about procedure for using the church bus. It was decided that she will speak to Nancy Bossardet about those arrangements. They went to the Spiritual Enrichment held in the New Life Center, and Sandy reported that the new President is doing an awesome job!

Staff-Parish: Chair Tom Marshall reported that Pastor Craig's insurance needs to be reported at the Charge Conference.

Generosity: Chair Dean Winston reiterated the 1 + 1 = 2 idea, and urged everyone attending a worship service, bible study or ministry to go and make disciples. He intends to be a "constant gardener" of this ministry and stressed the importance of bringing new people in. He also has been "spot lighting" different ministries in the monthly newsletter, and encouraged those in attendance to tell him about their particular ministry. He stated he plans to attend the Stewardship Summit October 22nd in Orlando.

Pastor: Pastor Craig addressed the sound system problems we are having in the Sanctuary. It is believed that the speakers used are inadequate for the size of the room. He also had the Nominations meeting, and everyone has accepted. The October Charge Conference will be October 16th at 3:00 at Edgewater Methodist. There will be music, a sermon and small group sessions. The Bishop's Town Hall Gathering will be September 26th, at Grace UMC in Cape Coral. Our Wednesday Night Out will resume on October 5th, with a slightly different format. Dinner will be served from 5:00 until 6:30, but a bible study will begin at 5:45 until 6:15. The meals have increased to \$6.00 per person.

Visitor Frank Hansen reported that the October Extravaganza will cost approximately \$10,000.00. Some ideas to defray this cost are selling banners to be located on the fence, and car parking fees. He also reminded everyone that Harbor Nissan could possibly award the church \$5,000.00 if everyone votes on their website. There will be a meeting this Thursday to discuss additional ways to defray the cost.

Church Administrator: Gayla Pressner informed the council that there will be a seminar at the church on November 17th regarding "Violence in the Workplace." It will be led by a deputy of the Charlotte County Sheriff's office. Gayla also informed the council that she will be attending a Church Administrator Staff Training seminar September 27th at Christ UMC in Venice.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Pastor Craig at 6:50.

Submitted by: Pat Winston, Recording Secretary