

**Port Charlotte United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting
Monday, January 5, 2015**

Bob Burr called the meeting to order. Terry Hixson gave devotions and prayer.

Pastor Brian discussed PCUMC's Core Values; i.e., creating a church family of passionate worshipers, KNOWing by extending radical hospitality to the Charlotte County Community, GROWing persons in Christ through intentional discipling, GOing out into the community as salty servants, and sharing ourselves with extravagant generosity.

The minutes from the December 1, 2014 meeting were approved.

New Business

We are happy to report that both Carol Hansen and Bill West have successfully recovered from their surgeries.

Bob Burr and Terry Hixson spoke this morning regarding the evaluation process that this Council should have and suggestions for improvement. Also discussed was whether we needed some new programs at the church and, if so, what new programs are needed to comply with Know, Grow and Go. Hopefully, the Council will come up with suggestions at the February meeting. Another subject discussed was how to reach some of the seasonal visitors to Charlotte County. Terry thinks we have a way to find out who they are and how we can contact them. Also discussed was whether or not we should have some special programs in the church. For example, once a year we recognize members of the police department, fire department, educators in Charlotte County. We already recognize the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts once a year. One subject discussed was whether or not we should eliminate monthly meetings of the Council and have all reports in writing and then only meet quarterly. If we do that, Council members would be able to read those reports and speak intelligently at the quarterly meeting. No consensus on this subject was reached. Also discussed was whether we could see if our choir could sing at other churches and those choirs could come to our church for a reciprocal approach. Also discussed was setting aside some more money in the budget for some paying ads. Council members were then asked to jot down their ideas and give them to Bob and Terry at next month's Council meeting. These ideas will then be revisited as Old Business and perhaps amplify Know, Grow and Go.

Salty Service – Chris Burr

- . Last meeting was in November when possible budget cuts were discussed.
- . We will not participate in the 2015 Habitat for Humanity Apostles' Build.
- . Further discussions will be held regarding the children's summer lunch program which held its own in 2014. Besides the finances, the need to the schools is questioned.

- . WNO was discussed with the following suggestions: any meals for shut-ins must be through the church office; volunteers pay at least \$2.75 per plate to cover expenses; no more carry-outs; if volunteers take food home, they must bring their own containers.
- . We served between 1125 and 1200 meals at our 29th Christmas dinner. We had approximately 84 volunteers; only 15 pies donated, so Hurricane Charley's donated 30 additional pies; finances uncertain as of this date. This was a team effort led by Jim Eugenius and Shirley Antrobus. Kudos to everyone involved!
- . Imagine No Malaria program required by the district will be handled through VBS.

Discipleship – Linda Anderson

No report.

Hospitality – Marcie Marshall

No report.

Staff-Parish – Tom Marshall

- . Ran a significant shortfall in our budget for the last three years and have had to make some staff changes. We had to let our fulltime sexton go and replace him with a part-time person.

Finance/Treasurer – Bob Burr for Fred Wagner

- . Nancy Bosserdet stated we finished 2014 in a deficit position. We should have all year-end reporting done within the next thirty days. We need to approve a budget of \$829,000 for 2015 so that she can pay bills this month. The Finance Committee did submit that budget to Council as a figure for 2015. No objection by Council. Motion carried.

Trustees – Mike Sniecinski

- . Thanks to all who helped to paint the Fellowship Hall.
- . The grounds look great. Need help in getting the waste to the dump.
- . Should be moving the air conditioners soon and clearing the back for the renovation.

Worship

No report.

Men's Ministry

- . Tom Marshall stated that 100 people attended Saturday's pancake breakfast. Money from the pancake breakfasts and yard sale generated funds in 2015 and \$11,000 was distributed to the church and community.
- . There were 17 men and 5 women at today's breakfast at Perkins with Pastor Brian as the speaker.

Women's Ministry

No report.

Youth Representative – Paul Kisner

- . The annual Christmas party was held in December. Over winter break, the youth went ice skating on December 21st, saw a movie at the mall on December 28th and had a lock-in on January 2-3. All three winter activities were well attended.
- . Super Bowl game night will be held on January 28th. On Sunday mornings, the youth will be learning from the book of James. On Wednesday nights, the youth will spend January looking at God's word, how we got it, what's in it and why it matters to us. Registration for summer camp will begin the end of January and 4-5 youth for the mission trip in June will be selected.
- . Beginning January 25th, Paul will be leading the new small group called Connect45 @10:45 a.m. The hope is to get some of the 9:30 a.m. service attendees involved in a small group.

Children's Ministry – Dawn Kisner

- . The children had a great December with their Christmas play and singing at the 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service.
- . Dinner and a Movie will resume this month; looking to increase volunteers to help with movie night.
- . "Acts of Faith" will resume on January 18th.
- . Working with CWM and Katherine to promote Clap, Tap and Jingle. Also asking some moms to stay for story time on Mondays.
- . Looking forward to Chapel with the CWM children, teaching them another song and inviting them to sing at worship at the end of each month.
- . Planning a Children's Ministry meeting on January 22nd at 6:30 p.m. for volunteers serving in Sunday School, kids worship, nursery and G.E.M.S.

CWM Representative – Dawn Kisner

- . Santa came to the Happy Birthday Jesus parties where the story of Jesus was shared.
- . School resumes on January 5th. On January 7th, the VPK dads are invited to Donuts with Dad, a special time for dads and students to enjoy breakfast before coming to school.
- . School will be closed January 16th and 19th.

Other Business

Carol Hansen gave a brief synopsis of the wrongful death case in which she was a witness. The verdict was a shock, to say the least. The Conference has filed a Motion for New Trial as well as an Objection to Plaintiff's Motion to Enter Final Judgment (so that funds cannot be dispursed yet.). Both motions to be heard on January 26th.

If the Motion for New Trial is denied, then an appeal will be filed.

Closing

Bob Burr closed the meeting with prayer.

Minutes submitted by Joan Sniecinski, Secretary

