

Attending: June Richards, CWM Rep Terry Hixson, Lay Leader Craig Moore, Pastor Christ Burr, Salty Service Tom Marshall, SPR Chr Tom Wenck, Treasurer Doris Hixson, Lay Delegate Fred Wagner, Evangelism Sandy Segur, UMW Gary McCullough, Finance Nancy Bosserdet, Fin Sec Glenn White, Visitor Gayla Pressner, Ch. Admin.

Loving: Chairperson Terry Hixson offered a devotion based upon Romans 6:12—18, then opened with prayer.

Learning: None this meeting

Leading: Pastor Craig reported that the staff discussed resuming WNO about September 7. They suggest serving dinner at 5:00, beginning Bible study at 5:45 in the fellowship hall, and choir practice at 6:15. Some discussion followed. Discussion with Jim Eugenius and Salty Service chair Chris Burr will occur on Tuesday. Some open discussion dealt with communication within the church and the church with the community. Three things were brought up: first, having the newsletter e-mailed to persons, put up a Suggestion Box (Gayla Pressner will take care of this), and continuing constant verbal reminders for everyone.

About communication with the community, no decisions or suggestions were presented. Information about the church's GriefShare program was presented, and brochures were given to all those present. The next cycle of Grief Share sessions begins on August 24 at 1:00 p.m. in the New Room.

For Worship committee, Tom Wenck presented for Karen the reminder that Christmas is on Sunday this year; therefore, there is a need for a single worship service. Further suggestions were referred to the Worship committee.

The council approved holding only one worship service on Christmas Day (to be followed by the annual Christmas Day Dinner).

Salty Service report was given to Glenn White who, along with his wife will be leading the mission trip to Haiti. Glenn distributed two handouts for those present. The first gives a explanation of trip costs and plans for raising money. The second offers background and explanation of the organization Global Christian Mission Outreach. Thus far, the trip's cost per person has been reduced from \$1300.00 to \$ 880.00. The team's mission includes two projects: first, a VBS program entitled "Put on the Full Armor of God" and second, a medical clinic. Both projects will occur simultaneously and in the same building.

Finance Committee report required action from the Council on two items: revising the language for purchasing procedures using the church's credit cards and approval of distribution of reduced amount of the MacArthur bequest. The following revisions were approved by the Council:

Scope: Credit cards, if appropriate, maybe used for purchases up to \$1000.00 by the church administrator and up to \$500.00 for other staff and ministry chairpersons without

approval. Purchases over these amounts must be approved by one of these persons: church administrator, trustee chairperson, or finance chairperson. In any case, the above

named persons may not approve their own limit.

Credit Cards: the church administrator, in consultation with the finance committee may issue credit cards to the church staff, ministry chairpersons, and others—as may be required—to purchase items that are in their approved budgets.

MacArthur bequest funds include \$4014 to Missions (tithe); \$26,000 to Phase II renovation;

and \$10,130 to the contingency fund.

Additional items from the Finance Committee report include the following:

Staff raises for staff except the three most recently hired; giving analysis shows that 36 giving units out of 390 units provide 52 percent of the church's money; revenue for 2016 is slightly above 2015 level; Alliance of Charlotte County Taxpayers requests involvement of PCUMC in addressing taxing of churches by Charlotte county.

SPR chair explained that the staff receiving raises have not received raises in four years and that a portion of the Weekday Ministries Program profit is helping to fund the raises.

United Methodist Women report informed us of the foundation and purpose of the global group and plans of PCUMC's group.

The scriptural foundation is Acts 16:11—15; thus, the word of UMW is mission including advocacy and service. The stated purpose of UMW is to be a community of women striving to know God through Jesus Christ in a supportive fellowship and to expand the concepts of mission through global ministries.

The plans for PCUMC's group include these things:

Sending out postcards inviting all women belonging to PCUMC to become a part of UMC

Meetings on the second Thursday at 6:30 in the New Room; the first to be September 8, 2016

Officer installation on October 23, 2016

Luncheon for all women on April 29, 2017 with the program to be "Portrait of a Bride..."

Fall Extravaganza plans were summarized by Nancy Bosserdet. Generally, we will follow the same outline as last year except there will be no paid advertising this year.

The event will occur on October 22, 2016. the team is looking into allowing additional food vendors. the team has already begun soliciting other vendors.

Evangelism chair Fred Wagner explained their plan for a simultaneous three phase approach entitled ACE for Assimilation for orientation of new members, Connection for all PCUMC members, and Evangelism for touching souls and outreach. Roger and Jan Wilmeth are coordinating the Assimilation team who contact and welcome all first-time visitors to the church; Gary and Gay Graham have agreed to head the Connection team with their major purpose being to involve more persons in small groups.

Church administrator Gayla Pressner brought a request from Contemporary Worship leader Sean Bryan for an acoustic guitar at a cost of \$319.00. Some discussion

involving source of funds was unresolved; however, Finance chair said funds are available. The Council approved the purchase of the acoustic guitar at a cost of \$319.00.

Pastor Craig brought a request from Trustees to add Joan Mackey to their board. The Council approved Joan Mackey to be a trustee.

Pastor Craig closed the meeting with prayer.