

**Port Charlotte United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting
Monday, February 03, 2014**

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

Pastor Brian presented a video showcasing Pastor Harvey Carey, founder of the Citadel of Faith Covenant Church in intercity Detroit. His message was that God wants us to play the game, not just huddle, and change the world. Members must take ownership of the work. Pastor Brian then issued the challenge of meeting people at the point of their needs.

The minutes from the January 6, 2014 meeting were approved.

Council Reports

Salty Service – Chris Burr

Meeting held on January 20th to discuss the following items:

- . WNO: The year is off to a good start. Jim Eugenius is in charge of food preparation. All food is being ordered through Sysco due to his connections. He also has access to a significant amount of kitchen equipment.
- . Trinity: Linda Bailey will be the liaison between PCUMC and Trinity. Jim Eugenius will order and cook food for 150 people every other week beginning January 31st. Trinity will prepare food the remaining weeks. A meeting is set for March 19th to review program.
- . Feed the Children: Name to be changed as another nonprofit in Charlotte County has that name. This is the summer school lunch program partially funded by Wendy's. A meeting is scheduled for March 12th to involve Jim Eugenius with the food ordering. We received a check for \$529.28 last week from Wendy's which Nancy Bosserdet is holding as it may be formally presented at a Sunday morning service.
- . Habitat for Humanity: Sock Hop on January 4th was unsuccessful. A spring spaghetti dinner following Sunday church is a possibility. The Angels in the Attic project was revived. \$1300 is needed to meet our obligation.
- . Health Ministry: The April Lunch and Learn program will feature guest speaker Barbara Carley on the topic "Living with Arthritis." She will bring with her a bracelet that holds information for emergencies and assists in communicating with doctors or first responders. It works like a flash drive and costs \$20.

It was learned after the meeting that Connie DiLeo will be in the States during April and May. Unfortunately, she will not be able to speak to PCUMC until her return in September.

Discipleship – Linda Anderson

The goals are as follows:

- . List all Intentional Discipleship activities.
- . Contact all facilitators and list details of each ministry.
- . Visit and observe all ID activities.
- . List purposes or studies of all.
- . Collate demographics of all ID and identify those in need of more activities.
- . Survey congregation for activity interests.
- . Inventory teaching materials on hand.

- . Delineate future plans and meet with Pastor Brian to discuss and plan.
- . Order new materials as needed.
- . Acquire and train facilitators.
- . Plan location, time, start date for new activities.
- . Announce and publicize.

Hospitality – Marcie Marshall

Bonnie Swisher has signed up to be an 8:00 a.m. greeter. She will greet in February.

Staff-Parish – Tom Marshall

Carol Hansen attended the meeting to discuss a personnel situation. Sue Edmiston will be the SPR liaison for Katherine and Ellen.

Finance/Treasurer – Fred Wagner

- . Met this evening to discuss the budget. There are some off-line items that are going to be changed. Striving to show the actual financial situation in terms of what is needed. Some changes will be made in the church bulletin in the near future.
- . Joe Wilcek has volunteered to check into alternate income sources and in particular getting new members involved. Interested in anything that would bring in additional revenue to the church outside of personal giving. Anyone interested should see Joe. There are no “bad” ideas.
- . The commercial insurance will be paid in a lump sum which will save us \$700 by paying early. Thanks to Nancy Bossardet for that suggestion.
- . Will have committee to review the cost effectiveness of all church programs and possibly eliminating those least effective. Any interested person should see Fred.
- . Also reviewed investment portfolio which is set up to be conservative and doing well despite its conservative approach.

Trustees – Mike Sniecinski

- . The January 12th congregational meeting resulted in 81% approval to continue to the next phase of the renovation project.
- . Contracts with Van Con Contracting and Kreb’s Architectural have been signed.
- . A wireless network will be installed throughout the building.

Men’s Ministry – Rick McCullough

- . Chuck Kinter attended today’s breakfast meeting and everyone left with a positive feeling that in-depth detailing will be available in the near future.
- . Had a near disaster for the pancake breakfast on February 1st due to the grill being disconnected. After some ingenuity, we were able to serve 162 people.
- . Rick will attend the Trustees’ meeting on February 10th to request that a Trustee be appointed to represent the kitchen and the fellowship hall.
- . Tickets available for the Valentine’s dinner/dance on February 14th. There will be a band and door prizes and flowers for the ladies.

Worship – Karen Wenck

- . Twelve members attended the January 27th meeting.
- . The Thanksgiving program with over 200 people, Advent and Christmas services were reviewed and considered well done.
- . Mike Russell of ATM Sound gave a report on the sound system. He will analyze the problems at the choir rehearsal in the sanctuary February 5th. He also discussed going to

a digital sound board system. These proposals will be presented to the Finance Committee.

- . In recognition of Boy Scout Sunday on February 9th, they will present a flag ceremony.
- . Pastor Brian discussed the possibility of having the “Jews for Jesus” group present the program “Jews and the Passover” during Holy Week.
- . Pastor Brian’s next series will be on Love.
- . Our average attendance is up from last year by 70 to 80 people. Contemporary service is up by 35. Sixty new members joined PCUMC in 2013.
- . The next meeting is scheduled for February 24th at 5:30 p.m.

Youth Representative – Carol Hansen for Paul Kisner

- . There have been an average of 33 in attendance for Wednesday Night Youth Group since the end of October. Due to the recent growth and younger age of the group, we have been reviewing rules and expectations along with the Bible lesson.
- . Registration packets are now available for Warren Willis Camp (July 14-19) on the Know, Grow Go wall. We will begin registering senior high youth for a Mission Retreat to Lake Junaluska, NC (June 20-27). In March, a group of students will be taken to Riverside Camp in Labelle, FL for the district youth retreat.
- . On Sunday mornings, our youth are learning about different characters from the New Testament. A series called “Love is” will begin on Wednesday nights when we look at the biblical definitions of love.
- . Twice a month on Sunday afternoons, several of the middle school youth and their mentors are meeting to go through the confirmation curriculum together.

Port Representative – Barbara Pennington for Dawn Kisner

- . “Acts of Faith” Flag and Puppet team will start back this month and work on various things for Easter. Lanie James, Clarice Hald and Lily Weller are helping to lead younger children and write all the moves for the Flag team.
- . “Dinner and Movie” is going well. We are averaging about 60-70 people. When we have someone to drive, we pick up people at the Homeless Coalition. Would like to have an average of 100 people.
- . Working on the Easter outreach, trying to get the businesses in our community to donate prizes for the children. We will be collecting candy from the church soon.
- . Elizabeth Ziegelbauer has been doing a great job organizing and leading G.E.M.S. They will start on February 6th.
- . WNO – PBNJ’s are averaging 25 children each week and the Life Group for Adults went very well with Russ Touchstone leading. Nancy Bosserdet will lead “Whisper” by Bill Hybels this month.

CWM Representative – Barbara Pennington

- . Our wait list for 3-year-old students grows almost daily. Currently we have thirty 3-year-olds on the list – and have room for 32. As we gear up for registration for the 2014-15 school year, please keep these students and families in your prayers.
- . Next week the teachers and Ericka Brown will meet with all current Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten families to share how their children are doing. This year very few students have cause for concern.
- . The United Methodist Association of Preschools Conference is quickly approaching. Twelve of our 13 staff members will be attending the Leesburg camp. All of our VPK teachers will be giving workshops on music, literacy, and “some of our favorite things” in the classroom.

- . Because we are accredited with the United Methodist Association of Preschools, this heightens our reputation as being one of the best preschools in our county. Ericka Brown, as President of UMAP, has visited several schools and met with their directors and staff to give them the guidance necessary to acquire UMAP accreditation.

Lay Leadership – Terry Hixson/Pastor Brian

- . Terry mentioned the South West District Local Church Leadership Training on February 15th at Christ UMC in Venice, FL from 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 at the door.
- . Pastor Brian indicated that Lay Leadership meets on the second Sunday of each month. The committee will be meeting with four applicants on February 9th.

Other Business

Lynda Freas submitted a synergy plan for Secret Sisters, a program in the church which actually began in 2013 but no plan was filed at that time. A motion to approve the plan was made and seconded. One problem was where to locate the cards and gifts generated by Secret Sisters. It was then suggested and approved that the counter in the conference room be used for this purpose. Publicity would be done by the liturgist on Sunday announcing the Secret Sisters Ministry and that more information would be available on a table in the Welcome Center. It could also be publicized on the sanctuary screens.

Closing

Pastor Brian gave the benediction.

Minutes submitted by Joan Sniecinski, Secretary