

Port Charlotte United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting
Monday, May 5, 2014

Bob Burr called the meeting to order. Tom Wenck gave devotions and prayer.

Pastor Brian gave a presentation on his worship service opening of “God is good all the time” and what it means to him and why he believes it. He hopes that we all get to the place where we never have to wonder if God is good.

The minutes from the April 7, 2014 meeting were approved.

Salty Service – Chris Burr

- . Kudos to Linda Bailey for her help with Salty Service.
- . New committee members are being added.
- . Alex DePaul, a youth member, has been in contact with Paul and other teens to see how they can be a part of the September 14th Sunday service when Connie DiLeo will be with us. Connie has formed a new church in the Dominican Republic whose members are young people so getting our youth involved that day is important.
- . Habitat is still struggling with back monies owed. Hopefully a used book sale will help the funding. Wanda Roberts is in charge.
- . WNO – possibly a lighter dinner per Jim Eugenius. WNO is holding its own financially; will be watched carefully. No dinner on May 21st.
- . Council approved via motion by Rick McCullough and seconded by Karen Wenck that Jim Eugenius be given title of Food Service Director so business cards can be made for him.
- . John Robertson gave a report on Kairos. The \$1200 collected included \$500 from Salty Service. Apparently no one from our church is serving on Kairos teams.
- . The Neighbor-to-Neighbor program at Trinity continues each Friday. Paige Polk and Linda Bailey are extremely active.
- . Children’s summer lunch program – will mail out 76 letters to churches in the Southwest Conference asking for help. We want to continue with the Homeless Coalition, Boys and Girls Club, and Trinity, plus the summer school program in our church area. Jim Eugenius has proposed holding a fundraiser dinner to raise money for the summer lunch program. Barbara Pennington suggested a \$15 Un-dinner. More details at June meeting.

Discipleship – Linda Anderson

- . In consultation with Pastor Brian, a list of potential substitute Sunday School teachers was made. Pastor Brian will contact each of them to inquire about their willingness to serve. One substitute for adult classes has been obtained to date.
- . A list of proposed new Sunday School materials was provided to Pastor Brian with the suggestion that, with his approval, sample copies be ordered.

- . Goals for next month include: (1) completing the list of substitute Sunday School teachers; and (2) sample Sunday School materials be reviewed, ordered, and obtained.

Hospitality – Marcie Marshall

There was one funeral service this month. Sue Edmiston reported they helped serve a catered dinner.

Staff-Parish – Tom Marshall

Presentations were made by Katherine Warden, Ellen Even and Ericka Brown.

Finance/Treasurer – Fred Wagner

- . Income \$3,000 higher than last year at this time and expenses approximately \$2500 less than last year.
- . Brown bag brainstorming sessions held the past three Tuesdays to discuss alternate ways of raising funds for the church. Ideas included selling preferred parking spaces; book store/gift shop combination; getting a new cell tower on our property; a worm farm; and putting flags out on Memorial Day and July 4th, something in which the youth might get involved.

Trustees – Mike Sniecinski

- . Chuck Kinter did not have a presentation due to awaiting the outcome of the April 27th renovation vote.
- . Frank Hansen made a presentation for having a volunteer grounds maintenance crew which was subsequently canceled.
- . Removal of a wall in the Port was deemed possible; awaiting approval by Paul Kisner.
- . Waiting on costs for playground borders before putting down the mulch on the big playground.
- . Beginning Tuesday, May 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the New Room, Trustees will hold meetings on particular aspects of the renovation which will be published in the previous Sunday's bulletin.

Worship – Karen Wenck

- . The committee met on April 28th at 5:30 p.m.
- . Holy Week was reviewed and the attendance at all of the worship services was very good. Sunrise Service - 135; 8:00 a.m. - 220; 9:30 a.m. - 112; 11:00 a.m. - 459.
- . The program "Jesus and the Passover" was also well attended (approx. 200). We discussed having Karol Joseph who gave the "Jews for Jesus" talk return next year to do a Maundy Thursday Seder service.
- . The possibility of doing a combined Sunrise Service by the river with other local churches was also discussed.
- . The GEMS will serve as liturgist and greeters for the Mother's Day service and Barb Hald will deliver the message.
- . Eileen West announced her resignation but will be available for special services as needed. Dr. David deSilva will be our new choir director and organist. Pastor James will

continue as our pastor for the coming year. Our congregation will be notified next Sunday.

- . Pastor James' summer series is entitled "Fully Alive." There is a video and book by Ken Davis that could be used in a Sunday School class or by individuals along with this series. More testimonies will be included in the Sunday services.
- . The next committee meeting will be on May 19th.

Men's Ministry – Sid White/Rick McCullough

- . Eight men helped out at the Un-Egg Hunt on April 12th. The men also budgeted \$900 towards this event.
- . The men served 73 persons at the Sunrise breakfast from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. on Easter morning.
- . Will be picking up furniture and miscellaneous items for the fall sale on November 7th and 8th, with setup on November 6th. Need help right now beginning at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow loading furniture and getting it out of the house at 2045 Lakeview Blvd., close to Edgewater Church.
- . Hope to double the size of UMM between now and October 1st.
- . Pastor Scott Smith will be a keynote speaker at the fall Men's Conference.

Youth Representative – Paul Kisner

- . Cole Mandrick and Ali Eugenius were confirmed at the 11:00 a.m. service on Confirmation Sunday, April 13th.
- . Paul is currently working on summer plans for the youth ministry. He is looking to add a high school small group that will meet during the summer.
- . Seventeen youth have registered for camp on July 14-19.

Children's Representative

No report.

CMW Representative – Barbara Pennington

- . We are one of the top performing schools in Charlotte County. This week is Teacher Appreciation Week and our church is truly blessed with some outstanding servants.
- . Our book fair last month earned us over a thousand dollar credit with Scholastic to purchase items for our ministries.
- . This month is all about review and graduation (May 21st @6:00 p.m.) for the preschool. Everyone is invited. The children will perform several songs as well as sign John 3:16.
- . Clap, Tap and Jingle will finish up for the season this Wednesday. This is a ministry that has had a wonderful impact on families in our community.

Lay Leadership – Pastor Brian

He will be meeting with two candidates this Sunday.

Other Business

- . June Richards spoke about Stephen Ministry. The group meets twice a month. Several of the Stephen ministers now have care receivers. Videos will be used to promote this ministry. There are now four signed up to take Stephen Ministry training. Much effort is being put into reviving the Stephen Ministry because there are a lot of people needing help. Pastor Brian indicated that the church actually has more requests now for Stephen Ministers than we have available. The pitch will be made Sunday for people who have been trained but are inactive because we can put them immediately with a care receiver.
- . Chris Burr mentioned the Friday night potluck dinner for the Sunday School classes. State Representative Roberson will be the speaker.

Closing

Pastor Brian gave the benediction.

Minutes submitted by Joan Sniecinski, Secretary