

**Port Charlotte United Methodist Church  
Church Council Meeting  
Monday, May 4, 2015**

Bob Burr called the meeting to order.

Pastor Brian expressed his excitement about this group being a catalyst for allowing things to get started as opposed to letting ideas in general go to die. Jesus was always in the permission giving business but he never pulled people in if he didn't plan to send them out. Sometimes, as churches, we are so worried about getting people in that we don't take seriously the goal of sending them out. This is happening more and more and we need to rethink our priorities. He then offered a prayer. As an afterthought, Pastor Brian mentioned that although our attendance was down last Sunday, we had twelve first-time visitors.

The minutes from the April 13, 2015 meeting were approved.

**Old Business**

Bob Burr referred to last month's meeting when Tim Smith presented a Synergy Plan for Sharing Your Faith. In the church bulletin, we had a flyer handout for sharing the faith and we had eight responses which was determined to be quite impressive. Pastor Brian stated that he and Tim got together to work on a curriculum to be implemented.

Rick McCullough commented on the beautiful landscaping that has been done. He questioned whether there was a warranty on one of the palm trees that had died. It was determined that Carol Hansen might have this information.

Rick also commented on how nice it is to walk into the church service on Sunday morning and having one or two people as greeters.

**Salty Service – Bob Burr for Chris Burr**

The next meeting will be May 18<sup>th</sup>. Deb Valler will be conducting the meeting.

**Discipleship**

No report.

**Hospitality**

No report.

**Staff-Parish**

No report.

**Finance**

Nancy Bosserdet stated that we had a good Easter offering this year. We are probably within a couple thousand dollars of budget.

**Trustees – Mike Hald, Interim Chair**

- . Really need able-bodied volunteers to help rip up Fellowship Hall carpeting and scrape glue off of the concrete during week of May 18<sup>th</sup> prior to installation of new flooring.
- . During the first week in June, items in the sanctuary will be removed and stored or referred to the dumpster.

**Worship – Karen Wenck**

No report.

**Men’s Ministry – Rick McCullough**

- . The men had their last Perkins’ breakfast meeting until September.
- . The next board meeting will be May 13<sup>th</sup>.
- . Had last pancake breakfast for this season and have a check for \$327 to give to the youth. A person volunteered to make up the difference between what was taken in and the goal of \$500. Because of the rather substantial difference, Rick has not approached this individual yet. Attendance was down due to snowbirds returning north. However, three new members of our church were actively involved in the pancake breakfast on Saturday. New membership gained in last 5-6 months has paid off for us. We are grateful for the women who have volunteered to help out.

**Women’s Ministry**

No report.

**Youth Representative – Barbara Hald for Paul Kisner**

- . The youth car wash on May 2<sup>nd</sup> was a success. Along with a donation from the United Methodist Men, the youth raised about \$700 for the upcoming mission trip. The mission team has been meeting with Glenn and Sherry White to prepare for their trip to the Dominican Republic. Planning has been going well and we are excited about this amazing opportunity.
- . Paul will be working with the church to help with the transition this summer. They are looking to add a few more volunteers to keep things going. Not only will Paul be leaving in July, but so will Dawn who is one of our Wednesday night volunteers and a part of the Sunday School teacher rotation. Fortunately, one of the parents, Russell Touchstone, has stepped up to volunteer on Wednesday nights. Paul is very confident with the abilities of Russell and Mike Hald to help lead the youth ministry in July.

**Children’s Representative – Barbara Hald for Dawn Kisner**

- . Staff-Parish has passed a proposal for Barbara Hald to lead the Port/Youth and Children’s Ministry in organizing parent and church participation.
- . G.E.M.S. Sunday is May 10<sup>th</sup>. Girls will be helping to serve at the 11:00 a.m. service.
- . Children’s Ministry has been steadily growing in all areas.

- . Car wash was a success, earning \$370, and thanks to the UMM breakfast we have another \$350 donated.
- . Vacation Bible School preparation is in full swing.

**Children’s Weekday Ministry Representative – Barbara Hald for Dawn Kisner**

- . Preschool graduation is on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- . This week is Teacher Appreciation Week.
- . The summer camp will only be for a few designated weeks in the summer.
- . CWM has had a great year and is still working on enrollment for next year.
- . Kudos to Paula Mann for the outstanding job she has done this year.

**Other Business**

Rick McCullough, at the request of Bob Burr, made a motion that Council recess for the summer months of June, July and August. Resumption of Council meetings will be on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Paul Smith seconded the motion; motion carried.

June Richards stated that seven new Stephen Ministers will be dedicated at church services on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Closing**

Bob Burr closed the meeting with prayer.

Minutes submitted by Joan Sniecinski, Secretary.