

Port Charlotte UMC Council

May 2, 2016

Attending: Chris Burr, Salty Service	Tom Marshall, Staff-Parish	Dean Winston, Generosity
June Richards, CWM	Gary McCullough, Finance	Tom Wenck, Finance
Nancy Bossardet, Fin. Sec.	Brian James, Senior Pastor	Karen Wenck, Worship
Paul Smith, Trustees	Bob Burr, visitor	Sandy Segur, visitor
Doris Hixson, Annual Conference Rep.	Terry Hixson, Lay Leader and Council Chair	
Pat Winston, Recording Sec.		

Terry Hixson opened the meeting with a devotion, followed by the opening prayer.

The Minutes from the previous meeting were discussed and accepted.

Salty Service: Chair Chris Burr reported that the Trinity Church outreach is going well. Shirley Antrobus is preparing meals every other week. The Summer Children's lunch program is currently being planned, and information for the bulletin is scheduled for May 8th or May 15th. Glenn and Sherry White will be traveling to Haiti on May 20th to make arrangements for housing, etc. There are 12 scheduled participants, and the cost will be \$900-\$1,300 per person. The blood mobile will be at the church on May 22nd. Chair requested monthly updates on accounts to better plan their budget.

Finance: Chair Gary McCullough provided a detailed report as of the end of the first quarter. Total revenue is \$215,262.00, with expenses of \$207,628. There is \$98,370.00 in the renovation account at present, however there is an outstanding pledge balance of \$159,800.00. The 2015 audit is still in progress, and should be concluded by mid-May. Push-Pay has been approved by the Finance Committee, and they are awaiting a contract. There are no funds for the October Extravaganza at present.

Visitor Sandy Segur reported that she is in the process of organizing the United Methodist Women ministry in our church. She has recruited a few women and stated that the conference will be held at Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach on July 7, 8 & 9. The cost is \$200.00 per person. Sandy has applied for scholarships.

Visitor Bob Burr reported that the church had received \$100,000.00 from a gentleman who had passed and bequeathed the funds to the church. The Council agreed to accept.

Staff-Parish: Chair Tom Marshall reported that the 3rd bus has been sold for \$5,000.00. The committee met with the new Pastor, who will begin on July 3rd. The new pastor requested that there be one blended service on that day. Pastor Brian's last day with us will be June 12th. There will be a gathering after the 11:00 service to say good-bye to Pastor Brian and his family. Chair also reported that the motorcycle group has decided to stay and use our parking lot for training.

Trustees: Chair Paul Smith reported that all outside painting has been completed, thanks to volunteers. AARP will not use our facilities for next year's taxes. The GaGa pit has been completed for the youth, but we need volunteers to help pour concrete to get it level. The volleyball net has been put up. The North and South canvas awnings are scheduled to be installed once permitting has been accomplished. The next priority is the welcome center. Chair reported there is a security problem. There are many keys out, and theft is a problem. Security cameras are a possible solution. Children's wing from the New Room is still a security issue.

Worship: Chair Karen Wenck shared her concern about the building not being properly locked at times. She stated that Pastor Brian does many tasks on Sunday mornings, and the church will need another person to do many of those things once Pastor Brian leaves.

CWM: June Richards stated that VBS will be limited to 75 children this year.

Generosity: Chair Dean Winston offered a written outline of his vision for generosity, which includes a greater communication plan of recorded interviews from those who want to share how this church has changed their lives. 5 interviews have already taken place. He requested placards to be placed around the church with the equation $1 + 1 = 2$ on them. He would also like the email addresses of all ministry leaders.

Pastor Brian stated that there will be a flat screen television at the coffee bar in the Welcome Center, so anyone out there will be able to see what is happening in the Sanctuary. He also stated that the General Conference will be in Portland, Oregon May 10th through May 20th.

Lay Leader Terry Hixson asked everyone to be prepared next month to evaluate the effectiveness of the Council meetings. The Council agreed to start earlier next month. The new starting time will be 5:30.

The meeting was closed in prayer for Pastor Brian. Hands were laid on him and the prayer was led by Lay Leader Terry Hixson.

Submitted by: Pat Winston, Recording Secretary