

**Port Charlotte United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting
Monday, September 9, 2013**

Terry Hixson opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

The minutes from August 5, 2013 were approved.

Council Reports

Salty Service

- . Council approved proposal for a fundraising effort through Wendy's to benefit the Feed the Children program. Wendy's has authorized us to print up to 40,000 certificates for distribution in a three-county area (excluding Wendy's restaurants) for a period of 90 days (hopefully, November 1st through January 31st). For every certificate turned in when an order is placed, Wendy's will give us 15% of the sale. The proceeds would be sent by Wendy's to the church approximately four weeks after the fundraiser ends.
- . Council also approved Nancy Bosserdet transferring \$2,000 to Feed the Children program which is currently running a deficit due to (1) the Harry Chapin Food Bank source falling through and (2) our commitment for an additional 1,000 lunches over the summer which was not planned for in May.
- . This information will be provided to the congregation via the church bulletin.

Discipleship

Pastor Brian met with several people and hopefully we will have a chairperson soon.

Hospitality – Marcie Marshall

- . Recruitment of greeters continues for the 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services. We have already received volunteers for the new 9:30 a.m. contemporary service. Our church bulletin will also contain a request for greeters at all services.
- . The Bereavement Committee had three receptions over the last three months.

Staff-Parish – Tom Marshall

A presentation regarding the proposed renovations was given by Chuck Kinter. Sean Bryan was interviewed at a special meeting held in September.

Finance/Treasurer – Tom Wenck/Nancy Bosserdet

Nancy Bosserdet indicated we are ok; will leave it in God's hands.

Generosity

No report.

Trustees – Mike Sniecinski

The CWM playground project has been completed for this year.

Worship – Karen Wenck

- . Sean Bryan is now on staff and will take over the music for the contemporary service. He will also be working with the sound system and lighting in the sanctuary.
- . Paul Kisner is teaming up with Pastor Brian in developing sermon themes and he will also be preaching more often.
- . The committee will be working on ways to enhance the sermon themes with visual aids and decorations, etc.
- . Some time before Thanksgiving, Ann Van Hoose-Olsen will be presenting a Grief Share program entitled “Surviving the Holidays”.
- . The congregation has been asked to bring in flags of the world to help celebrate World Communion Sunday on October 6th.
- . Plans for Veterans Day and All Saints Day were discussed.
- . Eileen West presented a plan for a Thanksgiving community service which would include music based on creation, brotherhood and salvation. Readings from classical literature would also be a part of the service. Community leaders and pastors would be invited to take part in this celebration.
- . The committee discussed Pastor Brian’s sermon series up through February 2013.

Men’s Ministry – Joe Wilcek

- . Currently getting ready for yard sale on November 8-9. Set-up will be on Thursday, November 7th. Donations are welcome!
- . Our 750 sq. ft. storage unit is operational and contains quite a bit of furniture etc.

Women’s Ministry

Discussions held regarding the need for this ministry. Barbara Pennington felt it was a “dying breed” – a thing of the past. No action was taken by Council at this time.

Youth Ministry

- . Twenty youth and four adults went to Orlando for their annual Rock the Universe and Wet ‘n’ Wild trip. Everyone had a great time. Kudos to our adult volunteers Barb Hald, Nikki Foster and Dawn Kisner. Also “thanks” to Nikki Foster and Marsha Mikus for assisting on Wednesday nights since Mike Hald has begun his EMT classes.
- . Preparations will begin for the arrival of our pumpkins on October 14th and the beginning of our church pumpkin patch. Plans are also being made to kick off the Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection at the end of October and to organize another confirmation class to begin before the end of the year.

Port Representative

- . June Vacation Bible School was attended by 200 children – infant through 18 years.
- . The mission project “Shoes for Kids” raised over \$550 and 200 pairs of shoes. PCUMC is being awarded a prize from Kiwanis for their efforts in this project.
- . July United Methodist camp with Paul Kisner and 19 youth was truly amazing.
- . An Anti-Bullying event is planned for September 20th. This will be led by Sensei William Wright, a Christian and award winning martial arts instructor with a passion for children and Christ.
- . The youth attended Rock the Universe.
- . A parenting class, Total Transformation, will be held on Wednesday nights.
- . Children’s Ministry will be working with the youth on the Pumpkin Patch fundraiser in October.

CMW Representative – Barbara Pennington

- . Weekday Ministries is so grateful for the wonderful shade provided by the great big fun umbrella.
- . Preschool playground sod was replaced by Parker Sod and Landscape, owned by one of our preschool dads. We were only charged for the sod, a true blessing!
- . We now have a second fenced-in play area called The Outdoor Classroom which is located on the other side of the Port.
- . Enrollment in the afterschool program continues to increase. We now have 22 students, many of whom are experiencing hardship in their young lives.
- . Next week we are the host site to several area preschools for in-service training.

Lay Leadership – Terry Hixson/Pastor Brian

- . Meeting was held yesterday, including lunch. Interviews were done together for everyone – three yesterday and two next month. Lay Leadership to meet the second Sunday of each month.
- . An insert regarding the 9:30 a.m. service will be included in several Sundays’ bulletins. We are good with greeters and ushers for this service.
- . Concerns regarding the locations of Sunday School classes have been expressed. Signs will be posted September 15th to ease this worry and people have been assigned to answer questions and show directions.
- . An insert will be put in our bulletin again to introduce Sean Bryan, as well as Paul Kisner’s expanding pastoral role re: visitation and more preaching.

Other Business

Karen Wenck brought up the status of WNO. It was decided that this subject will be on the October Council Meeting’s agenda. At that time, Nancy Bosserdet will present monthly figures detailing this matter.

Closing

Barbara Pennington closed the meeting with prayer.

Minutes submitted by Joan Sniecinski, Secretary.