

**Manchaca United Methodist Church (MUMC)**  
**Church Council Meeting Minutes**  
**November 5, 2020 - 7:00 PM**

**Presiding:** Rev. David McNitzky, Sr. Pastor and Rick Bowman, Church Council Chair

**Present:**

*Chansin Esparza	Ron Mize	Brice Custer
Bart Sturzl	Beth Watkins	Emily Repp
Mary Looney	Loretta Loyd	Ken Kattner
Dave Bourell	Ron & Linda Hawkins	Leslie Piggott
Roxana Gramada Loyd	Emmett Thomason	

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**Absent:**

Gary Carpenter	Lance Lunsford	Malcolm Nelson
Tonia Norman	Ed Engleking	Jennifer Bautista

Rick Bowman, MUMC Council Chair called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:05 PM and asked for a recording secretary from among the members. Loretta Loyd volunteered to record the meeting minutes.

**Devotional and Opening Prayer:** Rick shared Psalm 46.

**2021 Lay Leadership (Nominations) Update:** The first order of business is to update the slate for 2021 Lay Leadership (attached) that fills two open positions. Leslie moved that the council approve the updated list; Loretta seconded, and it was approved via unanimous voice vote.

**August 20, 2020 Minutes:** Rick presented the minutes of the August 20, 2020, council meeting and Leslie motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Mary seconded, and the minutes were approved.

**Exile Team Update:** Leslie presented re events that have been successful and a week from Friday, we are hosting a virtual mixture—childhood photo who’s who? Planning a Christmas time ugly sweater contest—virtual caroling. Two events planned for November and December.

**Homecoming Team Update:** Pastor Chansin presented that they are still taking it week by week. We made the decision with the uptick to delay re-opening. We know the weather will begin to cause problems. Such a variety of what churches are doing. No approach is going to make everyone happy. Thanks to the team for all their work. We want to be flexible. Most of the large churches he has talked to, limited to 25%, social distancing and masks. Churches are doing it with lots of precautions. Decisions we make doesn’t mean we are stuck there for life. Supportive of the direction the team is going. Best decision possible. Do not want to create risk where risk is unnecessary.

**Christian Education:** Leslie reported for Kim, several fall classes lined up and sent out earlier today, live nativity on December 20 and Advent packets for distribution.

**Youth Update:** Pastor Chansin said 23 people came last time they had an outdoor group. It is going well. Christmas Tree lot is coming.

**Finance Report:** Dave Bourell distributed an updated Finance Report: Summary (attached). September 2020, we had a net loss of ~\$8,000, which is not unusual. YTD we are currently positive

\$6,500. Loss of income from CDC and Jazzercise accounts for much of the loss. Fortunately, the PPP loan, a forgivable loan, and the bank has officially forgiven that loan. We received an estate donation late last year. We still have the \$35k that we brought forward from that. It is not included in the \$6.5k surplus. The interest for BSG2 is being paid from operating, but all pledge payments are going directly to pay down the loan. The Stewardship campaign (scaled back), two letters sent, two more to come. Third letter will include a pledge card to send in. we also have an option/alternative on the website to give an estimate of giving.

**Trustees Team Report:** Beth Watkins presented for trustees. FM1626 expansion project kicked off at the end of October. Summarized in newsletter. Roof repairs at bell tower and FLC. Replaced lights, floodlights with LED bulbs. Pam has scheduled lots of inspections that are required. Cleaned out the septic system. Ron Mize and Beth submitted a grant request to replace lights on the pavilion – matching funds from Methodist Men and others, still waiting on results.

**SPRC/PPR Report:** Mary Looney reported that Leah Hixon left. We completed the assessments on the pastors and will be sent on to the Pastor Teresa. We decided to hold off on pastor salary changes—hold off until next year, first quarter of 2021. We will do a Christmas love offering. The offering \$3,000 earlier this year, it wasn't for the church staff, it was actually for the CDC staff. Christmas love offering would be the first staff received. If the cabinet were to choose to move a pastor, it would be known March/April timeframe and a new pastor arrives the first week of July.

**Pastors Report:** Pastor David is going to be brief thank you again. Very appreciated! Just returned from a vacation and felt like coming home after only 16 months. We need staff appreciation. And church appreciation. This has been more work with them not in the building. Exceedingly grateful to Chansin and Jason – learning from all of them. After gratitude, we are having a series on hope. Not talking about naïve or optimistic. Like oxygen is to the human body, hope is to the soul. Home and hospitality, got away from it, going to talk about courage near Lent and in January Chansin will talk about doubt. Continue to attend webinars about the direction of the church. There is no consensus—it will be different, maybe better—keep antenna out and watch what is happening. It can be positive. Has no idea what it is going to look like – we will come out stronger and adapted when we come back together. Walk by faith in community, day by day, week by week.

Pastor Chansin is working on the website to make it more open to someone outside. Praying for those looking for a church at this time. She wants us to the church for them.

### **Other Items**

Rick will send out a church council schedule for 2021.

Men's group is taking an hiatus on the weekly bible study until after the first of the new year.

Lay Leadership extend a year, four years, not three. If you don't wish to extend, please let Rick know.

Church Conference: 4pm December 6 via zoom. Pastors' salaries and lay leadership

Don't forget the food pantry, more important than before we were out of our building.

**Adjourn:** Pastor David closed the meeting at 8:00pm with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Loretta Loyd*