

**Manchaca United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting
February 9, 2017 - 7:00 PM
Minutes**

Presiding at the meeting: Rev. Andy Smith, Sr. Pastor & Ron Hawkins, Church Council Chair

In Attendance at the meeting: 17

Ed Engleking	Bill Konde	Don Edwards
Edna Esparza	Cate Jones	Ron Mize
Rod Gunn	David Luna	Gary Gemar
Daryl Voges	Leslie Piggott	
Kyle Landry	Tracey Beadle	
Debbie Dulski	Jason Singhurst	

Not in Attendance at the meeting:

Bob Caudill	Linda Voges	Bart Sturzl
Rhonda Morris		

Visitors:

Devotional and Opening Prayer: At 7:00 PM the Church Council of Manchaca United Methodist Church began with a short devotional and prayer.

Finance Report: Rod Gunn presented the income and expense report. Rod went over the year-end and January totals. We are doing OK on financing. Our debt is around \$100K after the Riddell gift, and we are reducing the debt monthly with contributions specifically designated as such. An outside audit is required every other year and is due this year. We are attempting to increase the limit on the church credit cards, but now a specific name is required on the card. Dick and Rod will put their names on the card.

Trustees Team Report: Gary Gemar reported for the Trustees. The county is asking for a resolution from the church before closing on the sale of the right-of-way property for 1626 widening. Ed Engleking moved that we designate Gary Gemar to represent the church at the closing. Rod Gunn seconded and the motion passed with a show of hands.

Family Life and Sanctuary renovations are being scheduled for this year and we are looking to minimize impact to VBS and other activities.

All the roof work is complete. We don't have the final cost numbers from the insurance company yet. Worst case we owe \$19K. Total cost was near \$200K.

The steeple has been washed and painted with \$165 per gallon teflon type paint. It is self cleaning and guaranteed against algae.

Concealed gun signs have arrived and are ready to be posted. We will try to be inconspicuous but still meet the letter of the law.

Edna brought up an incident with the warehouse neighbor with their threats and yelling.

Pastor Parish Relations Report: Kyle Landry mentioned Rick Bowman is acting as the youth director and is doing an excellent job. The staff retreat was held last month covering the church needs, led by Andy.

Build-Serve-Grow Capital Campaign: No update this month.

Alternative to Planning Retreat: Andy passed out a church planning survey. He would like input / ideas on edits before sending it out to the church. The survey could help us form church goals. Andy asked for volunteers to help with editing the survey. Cate, Leslie, and Jason volunteered.

Status of 2016 Church Goals: The average Sunday worship attendance was 343 with a goal of 345. Sunday school attendance was 159 with a 186 goal. 41 new members with a goal of 50. Ron briefly reviewed the other goals, several of which were discussed during other parts of the council meeting.

Purpose Team Report: Pastor Tracey said the purpose team has not met yet this year. 33 youth attended the Christmas tree lot celebration at Altitude (organized by Rick). The mission team is promoting the Crop Walk this year. The food pantry has done phenomenal in recent years and the missions team is looking how to expand with the money raised. Operation "backpack" has started at Menchaca for children to take home food for the weekend. Aikens HS continues to be a focus which achieves several church goals. Help continues for homeless students. A college visit trip is scheduled next week with 24 students over 3 days.

The 5K race is April 1, please register to support it. Sponsorships have raised \$2.2K and we are looking for more.

Pastors Report: Andy said January 4th was a parent of youth meeting. How can we better equip our youth director. i.e. with training. We are enrolled in a special training program that provides the youth director position that includes housing and master degree classes for 3 years. We will continue to work with CYMT to fill our youth director position.

Andy said we will be losing the Family Life Center and/or Sanctuary for 5 months during the renovations from Build, Serve, Grow. How can we continue these church services during this time? Perhaps a blended service at 11am. We need to start planning for this. The council briefly talked about different ideas. There are still worship design teams for both services. The council suggested the Pastoral staff has the final decision on the service content after listening to everyone's ideas. Blended seems to be preferred over just taking turns.

Linda Crail's husband is having back surgery.

Closing: Pastor Andy closed the meeting at 8:30 PM with a prayer.