Manchaca United Methodist Church Church Council Meeting April 20, 2017 - 7:00 PM Minutes

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

In Attendance at the meeting: 15

Ed Engleking Bill Konde Don Edwards Edna Esparza Bart Sturzl Rhonda Morris Kyle Landry David Luna Gary Gemar Daryl Voges Linda Voges Debbie Dulski

Not in Attendance at the meeting:

Ron Mize Gary Gemar Tracey Beadle Cate Jones Leslie Piggott Jason Singhurst

Bob Caudill Rod Gunn

Visitors:

Mary Jane Caudill

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: Bart Sturzl presented the financial income and expense report. He mentioned we will be short on pledges for the planned build-serve-grow renovations this year. Bart suggested some ideas on how to handle the cash shortfall: we could ask for people to pay early for their 3 year pledge, or we could borrow some of the shortfall, or we could have another campaign. The renovations don't have a firm cost estimate yet which makes it difficult to budget. With all the bells and whistles for the Family Life Center and Sanctuary the cost will well exceed the \$500K 3 year budget. It looks like renovations won't start until the Fall based on where planning is now.

We are a little behind on income for the year but OK.

Trustees Team Report: Gary Gemar was absent but sent a report for Ron to read. The county paid for the easement / right-of-way property (\$94K). We owe about \$21K on the roof repairs. Total roof cost was near \$241K.

Pastor Parish Relations Report: Kyle Landry mentioned Tracey is leaving us but will still be in town. We are planning an event for Tracey on June 11. The band wants to perform. Details are still in the works and Kyle mentioned some of the possibilities. Annual conference ends on June 10. The process has started for a new associate pastor. An announcement is expected in early May.

Purpose Team Report: Ed Engleking presented the purpose team report forwarded from Tracey since she is on a retreat.

The Akins college tour was a great success as all students attending have now applied for college. Prior to the trip only one student had filled out a FAFSA and none had applied. Operation "backpack" is going well and we are looking to expand next Fall.

The youth are gearing up for their mission trips this summer and will attend the Casting Crowns concert this weekend. The 30hr famine is April 30.

250 people attended the 5K race on April 1! Just over \$12K was raised.

Habitat workdays are on the calendar.

Pastors Report: Andy said Easter services were great with a large attendance. The Good Friday Cantata was excellent.

New visitor packets are in the pews. Andy brought extras for show and tell.

This Sunday is the youth service, please come to support the youth.

Andy will attend Stephen Ministry training next week.

Church surveys have been mailed out. Thanks to Jason, Cate, and Leslie. The deadline is May 15. Please send yours in. Andy encouraged us to fill it out in groups. Kim will distribute to SS classes.

We have signed the contract for the youth minister training and continue the search for candidates.

Mary Jane mentioned there is a group riding motorcycles around our building which seems dangerous to the CDC children.

Closing: Pastor Andy closed the meeting at 8:00 PM with a prayer.