

Manchaca United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting
Aug. 10, 2017 - 7:00 PM
Minutes

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

In Attendance at the meeting: 18

Ron Mize	Rosie Grattan	Bill Konde
Rhonda Morris	Rod Gunn	Bob Caudill
Kyle Landry	David Luna	Leslie Piggott
Daryl Voges	Edna Esparza	Debbie Dulski
Bart Sturzl	David Gibbs	Jason Singhurst

Not in Attendance at the meeting:

Ed Engelking	Gary Gemar	Linda Voges
Cate Jones		

Visitors:

Johnny Floyd

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 presented the finance report. We are \$3000 better off than last year at this time but our expenses are about \$30K more. Essentially everything is on track and doing great.

Trustees Team Report: Gary Gemar was absent but sent a report that Ron read.

The first item concerned sanctuary renovations with costs and what was included. Andy went into details and led a discussion about the new flooring and the existing sound system and the effects of the flooring on the sound. Early September is still the starting time with 10 weeks duration to be finished before Thanksgiving. Total cost is \$250-275K. We have \$311K in the Build Serve Grow account.

We continue to have AC units in need of repair and replacement. We need to keep this in mind when making the budget. We are considering lease-to-own units to control the cost. Andy described some of the recent repairs. Replacement units should not use R-22 freon as it will be unavailable in 2022.

Two Eagle scout projects are being considered. One is a pole mounted outdoor cabinet to distribute food to the needy near the west entrance door. The food pantry folks are in the loop and said this has worked at other sites. A second proposed project is to build two wood trash receptacles. Both projects were approved by a show of hands.

The FM1626 project is possibly being held up by right-of-way acquisitions. Expected start date is before the end of the year. The utility poles will need to be moved.

Pastor Parish Relations Report: Kyle Landry said we had a custodian (Russell) leave suddenly. Leigh Ann volunteered to help find replacements. Ken Jones has accepted a full time position. A part time position is still open with three candidates being considered.

Mike has started as our youth minister and has quickly established a relationship with the youth. He will move into his apartment at the seminary in a week or two. He showed up every day at VBS.

Please tell Rick Bowman thanks for helping during the youth ministry transformation.

This is Rosie's first council meeting. Welcome Rosie!

Purpose Team Report/Associate Pastor: Rosie has met with many of the teams over the past 40 days and has learned a lot. Rosie is familiar with the church council structure that we use from the healthy church initiative at her previous church.

Pastors Report: Andy talked about our church management software called 'Shelby'. We spend about \$1000 / year for Shelby support. The next version is called 'Shelby Next', about \$3400 / year. Shelby Next can keep track of memberships, giving, financial records, a church app, group texts, a website, etc from any device as it is a cloud service. Shelby Next is a vast improvement from Shelby and ties everything together. Andy was pretty excited about it and was seeking approval to move forward. Leslie moved to approve moving to Shelby Next. The motion passed with a show of hands.

Andy will be at Mo Ranch next week on vacation. He will also be serving on a Walk to Emmaus Sept. 28-Oct 1.

There is a sermon series on Discipleship planned for September. Another series in October to tie in the stewardship campaign.

A Time and Talent pledge drive is coming at the end of August.

Other Business: The council discussed the worship schedule during the renovations. We will just have two services during the sanctuary down time.

Johnny brought up the location of the fireworks stand placed right up against our property line. We are not sure we can do anything about it except appeal to the owner to move it.

Closing: Pastor Andy closed the meeting at 8:20pm with a prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for Oct 12.