

**Manchaca United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting
June 22, 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

Ron Mize	Gary Gemar	Bill Konde
Rhonda Morris	Rod Gunn	Bob Caudill
Kyle Landry	David Luna	Leslie Piggott
Daryl Voges	Linda Voges	Debbie Dulski

Not in Attendance at the meeting:

Tracey Beadle	Ed Engelking	Bart Sturzl
Cate Jones	Jason Singhurst	Edna Esparza
Don Edwards		

Visitors:

Mary Jane Caudill	Leigh Anne Moore	Mike Niswander
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Devotional and Opening Prayer: At 7:00 PM the Church Council of Manchaca United Methodist Church began with a short devotional and prayer.

Pastor Parish Relations Report: Kyle Landry said we have a welcoming celebration for our new associate pastor and youth minister on July 2 with hamburgers and hot dogs. Kyle is looking for people to grill during the celebration. There will only be one service at 11am on July 2. Mike Niswander will be staying at Ed's place beginning in July until official housing can be set up.

Trustees Team Report: Gary Gemar said a big AC unit went out costing over \$11K in repairs, pulled out of the build-share-grow funds.

Gary reviewed the renovation plans for the sanctuary and Family Life Center with a pricing breakout that was sent out earlier in the week. Total cost is estimated \$400-500K, not including sound system work. There are some flooring options. Work would start this fall and take a 4-6 week break during Christmas.

A general discussion ensued about individual line items and options. Painting and flooring seemed very pricey, perhaps because of extra costs associated with architects and other consultants brought in to create the estimate. We could do painting ourselves (\$35K) but would need to do it right on schedule. We need to decide what we can do now vs later vs other parts of the church. There isn't near enough money to do everything.

The discussion shifted to priorities and what could have an immediate visual impact. What can we do with the money we have. New cushions? New carpet? New stage? Lights?

Mary Jane suggested we look at an audio/visual report that was created a few years back before replacing the sanctuary flooring, in case it makes a difference.

Andy marked out items from the estimate that are lower priority to create a reduced-cost immediate plan. Each item involved a short discussion. The reduced sanctuary total would be \$206K. The Family Life Center would need carpet, lights, & paint. Andy suggested starting with the sanctuary which would give us more time to discuss what to do with the Family Life Center.

Everyone agreed to go with the reduced plan starting with the sanctuary. Gary summarized the changes / work to be done.

Finance Report: Skipping the finance report since no one present from the team.

Purpose Team Report: Ed and Tracey were both absent. Ron said the habitat house was dedicated on June 10.

Pastors Report: Andy said we needed to replace our phone system because of analog to digital changes with AT&T, \$6300. Thanks to Leigh Anne for keeping our cost low in this changeover.

Don Edwards is leaving the SPRC. Andy nominated David Gibbs to serve on the SPRC. Daryl seconded. The motion passed verbally.

Andy went over some of the survey results. He suggested we read over the results and reflect on potential church goals.

Andy would like the church office to move to a cloud based system as the existing system is frequently non-functioning. He was giving a heads up that it would cost money.

Other Business: Leigh Anne provided the details of the AT&T phone changes. She negotiated the details and prices for all equipment and services. The CDC covered the cost.

Mary Jane said the alarm system has recently caused a number of false alarms. We are looking into the causes and possible solutions.

Closing: Pastor Andy closed the meeting at 8:55pm with a prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for Aug. 10.