

**Manchaca United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting
Oct. 12, 2017 - 7:00 PM
Minutes**

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

In Attendance at the meeting: 16

Ron Mize	Rosie Grattan	Bill Konde
Rhonda Morris	Rod Gunn	Bob Caudill
Kyle Landry	David Luna	Ed Engleking
Debbie Dulski	Bart Sturzl	David Gibbs
Gary Gemar		

Not in Attendance at the meeting:

Jason Singhurst	Linda Voges	Cate Jones
Leslie Piggott	Daryl Voges	Edna Esparza

Visitors:

Rick Bowman

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 by going over the provided balance sheets. August was a poor month for income. Interest expense is \$12K less than last year but not enough to offset increased expenses led by payroll. We are right on budget for the loss we anticipated, but there is hope for great things at the end of the year.

There was a general discussion about using designated money for different purposes. We believe all monies were used appropriately. There was continued discussion on the tight budget and making payroll each month, and the anticipation of extra income at the end of the year. Each year we budget for a loss, but expenses seem to be less than budgeted, and income increases, and it comes close to balancing.

Pledge cards are due Oct. 29 for next year.

Trustees Team Report: Gary Gemar gave the trustees report. As part of the road improvements the overhead power lines across the street will need to be moved to our side of the street in front of the church. The power company is asking for an easement but it would be unsightly. If no easement is granted the lines will be put in the street easement about 15 feet further from the church. Gary did not agree to the easement.

All the trees in front of the church will be removed.

The sanctuary renovations are on-going with painting and refinishing. There is some extra electrical & lighting work proposed for \$9400. Who has the authority for change orders? The Trustees can make these type of decisions as they arise.

Renovations are on schedule with a few minor bumps for lighting deliveries. The new lights already installed are very nice. Expected finish date is by Thanksgiving depending on deliveries.

The plan is to paint the brick with an antique effect.

The craft group had some issues with the locks and with their storage space in the pavilion, but all is resolved.

Pastor Parish Relations Report: Kyle Landry said we hired a new custodian.

Clergy health care is provided by the church and changes are expected next month. Details to follow.

The yearly consultation form about our pastors will be filled out and presented to the district Dec. 1.

Purpose Team Report/Associate Pastor: Rosie and Ed will meet to talk about the purpose team's direction. Rosie expressed her gratification for her appointment here and that it is very healing. Rosie has met with all three schools in our area. Rosie will participate in a healthy church initiative consultation for another church Nov. 9-11.

Pastors Report: Andy said we are managing well with meeting in the parish hall during the renovations. We will have a couple of combined services in the Family Life Center over the next few weeks.

Andy highlighted the pledge card flyer. Cards are due Oct. 29. He also mentioned a build serve grow campaign update letter that included pledge cards to add a 4th year.

Church conference will be held at Oak Hill UMC combined with 2 other churches. Andy motioned and Kyle seconded to hold a cluster conference at Oak Hill UMC on Dec. 3 at 3pm. A verbal vote passed. The next council meeting will be moved earlier to prepare for the conference (propose a 2018 budget).

Andy also mentioned the possible changes to the clergy health care costs meeting on Nov. 14.

The time and talent pledge drive response was a little disappointing at only 4-5% participation.

The pumpkin patch second unloading is this Sunday. The Fall Festival is Oct. 21.

New TV's are installed in room 29. Really slick.

Andy suggested potential goals for our church. We need to focus on evangelism and inviting others to our church. How can we be more active? There are new apartments popping up nearby. Another potential goal is to visit nearby nursing homes. A third potential goal is to provide a clear pathway to discipleship. A fourth would be a young adult ministry. Andy delved into each area. Please pray about each of these areas and provide your guidance and thoughts.

We are changing over to the Shelby system. We have an app in the testing phase!

Other Business: Nothing to report. Andy pretty much covered it.

Closing: Pastor Andy closed the meeting at 8:40pm with a prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 30.