

**Manchaca United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting
Nov. 30, 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	Leslie Piggott
Kyle Landry	David Luna	Linda Voges
Debbie Dulski	Bart Sturzl	David Gibbs
Gary Gemar	Daryl Voges	

Not in Attendance at the meeting:

Jason Singhurst	Cate Jones	Bob Caudill
Edna Esparza	Ed Engleking	

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: Bart presented the 2018 proposed budget. We are budgeted to spend \$907K and lose \$63K. This year we were budgeted to lose \$54K. Some of the expenses are usually a little over-stated, and un-pledged giving tends to come in above estimates. Pledges this year are also below what is budgeted (85 pledge cards submitted this year vs 120 last year). The missions budget was off slightly as shown at \$5375 but should be \$6000. Linda and Bart worked it out.

Gary motioned to approve the budget with the changes to the missions amount. Leslie seconded and the motion approved with a show of hands.

Trustees Team Report: Gary Gemar gave the trustees report. We are planning to have services in the sanctuary this Sunday! The contractor has put in a super effort to finish on time. The pew cushions will be here before Christmas. A new pulpit will be delivered next week. General comments ensued about the acoustics and lighting.

Gary mentioned the small karate school across the street asked if they could use some of our parking spaces during the day. Gary was planning to give permission without any foreseeable issues, knowing if something did happen we could later revoke.

The road improvements are coming soon. We will lose the entrance closest to Manchaca Rd when the utilities are moved, and we will have a power line on our side of the street.

Discussions about the Family Life Center renovations need to begin again to nail down a plan and cost. The renovations probably won't begin for 4-6 months. A general announcement should be made to inform the congregation of the potential timeline.

Pastor Parish Relations Report: Kyle Landry said we formally turned in our paperwork to the district requesting our pastors remain here for another year.

Debbie Dulski will be the PPR chair next year.

The PPR team attended a district-wide meeting covering the details on clergy health care changes.

Kyle motioned to approve the pastor's compensation package as presented in the budget. Rhonda seconded. The motion passed with a verbal vote.

Purpose Team Report/Associate Pastor: Rosie met with Ed Engleking (the lay leader) to discuss the purpose of the purpose team. Rosie will send out a survey to the purpose team asking what they would like to address during the twice a year meetings. Rosie and the lay leader represent the mission (purpose) teams in the council meetings.

Pastors Report:

Andy is looking to purchase some wireless microphones since we need to rent them frequently.

Andy talked about "Audio Everywhere" that would allow people to tap into the churches sound system with their smartphones.

The church conference will be held at Oak Hill UMC on Dec. 3 at 3pm.

Andy presented the church leadership nominee's for 2018, a two page handout. Andy motioned to accept the lay leadership report as presented. Debbie seconded and the motion passed with a show of hands.

49 new members were received in 2017. 48 will be removed from the rolls. Average worship attendance is 327. Membership is 861.

Thanks to everyone's service on the council this year!

Other Business: Bart commented that we should consider removing the concealed handgun sign, but not the open carry sign, in light of the recent church shootings. Andy commented that the signs are required for the CDC to remain accredited. Maybe there is a flexibility in that the CDC is not in session on Sunday mornings. Andy commented that we need to develop an emergency plan.

Closing: Pastor Andy closed the meeting at 8:10pm with a prayer. The church conference is scheduled for Dec. 3.