

**Manchaca United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting
June 27, 2019 - 7:00 PM
Minutes**

Presiding at the meeting: Rev. David McNitzky, Sr. Pastor & Rick Bowman, Church Council Chair

In Attendance at the meeting: 22

Gary Carpenter	Loretta Loyd	Bill Konde
Rhonda Morris	Kim Carroll	Jennifer Bautista
Ron Hawkins	Ken Kattner	Bob Caudill
Linda Hawkins	Emmett Thomason	Debbie Dulski
Brice Custer	Ed Engleking	

Not in Attendance at the meeting:

Clint Wilson	Scott Abel	Dave Bourell
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Visitors:

Brad Piggott	Marsha Patterson	Mary Jane Caudill
Deanna Custer	Loretta Rogers	Joel Bergh

Devotional and Opening Prayer: At 7:00 PM the Church Council of Manchaca United Methodist Church began with a short devotional and prayer by Rick. Loretta motioned to approve the meeting minutes (Ron seconded) from the last meeting. Minutes were approved verbally.

Build Serve Grow: Rick gave a brief update on build-serve-grow. He recapped the pledge amounts and said we plan to talk about options tonight.

General Conference - Inclusion: Brad talked about the events of the past 6 months concerning the Inclusion stance from the conference. Brad is gathering information and opinions from church members about the possibility of becoming a reconciling church. He researched the process that Westlake UMC followed and what they voted on. He is finding where do we stand and what do we want to do if anything. There is no specific request from the council at this time. A general discussion followed.

PPR Report: Debbie presented for the PPR. Pastor David's first service is July 7. The service times will not be changed at this time but will be evaluated in a month or so. Small group gatherings are being formed to meet with David & Pam. There is an end of July timeframe for a churchwide get together. Please wear your nametags for David and Pam's sake. Scott Abel is resigning his position as Lay Leader.

Trustees Team Report: Rhonda gave the trustees report. We have several short term and long term projects going on. The Craft group ramp is almost complete. The March work day was very

successful, a lot was done. Another workday is planned for August, but inside this time. The flooring is being repaired and should be complete in a couple of weeks. We will see if the new treatment holds.

Several AC units have been repaired with no replacements so far. The money from the 1626 easement is being used for AC repairs.

Phase 2 renovation options are being discussed and were presented in a handout. Rhonda reviewed a few details for each of the three options.

Ed presented specific loan amounts and payments for each option on a per year basis. Presently we are paying about \$1500 per month for the Family Life Center. The most expensive option 3 would not be any more than \$1500 per month. Option 3 is recommended by the Finance team.

A recommendation will be presented to the church at the conference on July 14 with some pre-meetings before then. A discussion ensued on how many options to present to the church and how to present it.

Ed motioned to state to the church that the council recommends option 3. Gary seconded and the motion passed.

Finance Report: Tonia Norman has been nominated for the vacant position on the finance committee. Loretta motioned that Tonia be accepted to the position. Rhonda seconded. A verbal vote passed.

Ed presented the finance committee report and provided a handout of the current budget vs actual for the first five months. So far this year we are \$15K behind. A stewardship campaign will be done in the fall to encourage giving again. There was no campaign last year. Ed compared the income/expense for 2016–2019. 2019 income and expenses are down. Ed also presented an adjusted budget prepared and reviewed by the staff for the remainder of the year. The adjusted budget is being recommended to the council to avoid further deficit. The council accepted with a verbal vote.

Purpose Team Report: The purpose team report was shared by Jennifer. The block party was not heavily attended but was still fun. Maybe change the date next year. The Menchaca contact person was not available which hurt the attendance.

The pumpkin patch is coming in September. The second delivery may not be needed and will remain an option. Kyle Landry has volunteered to help out.

Oct. 26 is a trunk-or-treat on a Saturday. Over 1000 were in attendance last year.

The Advent festival is planned again for this year.

Ron - Habitat for Humanity went very well. The food pantry is expanding to a connection in Brownsville. The Aikens homeless student college visit went very well and most are planning to attend college this fall.

Kim- Drama camp is going on this week. 50% are not from our church. Leslie is the director of the camp. The play is this Sunday at 11:00.

VBS is July 29-August 1. We need volunteers and donations.

Emmett- The Men's group is talking about the sesquicentennial (150 years) celebration in about 3 years. Some churches have a month-long of events.

Pastors Report: David shared a story about milk and honey and fear (of failure, of change, of even success). It is impossible to over-estimate the amount of anxiety in the average church in America. The only failure is not to try. God intends for us to be a part of a changing world.

Closing: The meeting was closed at 9:10pm with a prayer. The next council meeting is Aug. 22.