

**Manchaca United Methodist Church  
Church Council Meeting  
February 21, 2019 - 7:00 PM  
Minutes**

**Presiding at the meeting:** Rev. Andy Smith, Sr. Pastor & Rick Bowman, Church Council Chair

**In Attendance at the meeting: 18**

Scott Abel	Bob Caudill	Gary Carpenter
Rhonda Morris	Kim Carroll	Emmett Thomason
Debbie Dulski	Loretta Loyd	Bill Konde
Ron Hawkins	Ken Kattner	Jennifer Bautista
Linda Hawkins	Dave Bourell	

**Not in Attendance at the meeting:**

Ed Engleking	Clint Wilson
Linda Voges	Brice Custer

**Visitors:** Glenna Bowman    Mary Jane Caudill

**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.

Scott motioned to approve the meeting minutes (Ron seconded) from the last meeting. Minutes were approved verbally. Rick thanked all the members who served on the board last year. Council member voting eligibility was discussed.

**Finance Report:** Dave recently joined the finance committee. He had a report on the general health of the church but he didn't go into detail in the interest of time. Dave passed out copies of the 2019 budget. The only debt we have is some remaining on Build Serve Grow and on the Family Life Center. The reduced debt is mostly thanks to the Riddell Estate.

Dave reviewed the budget columns (2019 proposed, 2018 budget, 2018 actuals) and entertained questions. The pledge amount is estimated from last year.

Dave motioned that we accept the 2019 budget as presented, Bob seconded. The motion passed with a verbal vote.

Dave thanked those stepping up to fill in for the associate pastor.

**Trustees Team Report:** Rhonda gave the trustees report. There were two church inspections in December. The Fire Marshal pointed out several items we needed to tend. All have been taken care of: lighting issues, ceiling tile with paint, & storage items. A follow-up inspection passed in January. Church mutual gave some recommendations we are addressing this spring.

Three AC units need to be replaced which will be spaced out over time. One is complete with two more coming later.

Outside lighting has been replaced as needed. An estimate is pending for the pavilion lighting.

Plumbing issues were fixed. Locks were broken on the storage area at the pavilion and have been replaced. Nothing seems to have been stolen. A spring work day is planned, targeting before Easter.

The flooring in the main hallway is still an issue. The adhesive didn't work. We may add flooring replacement to Build Serve Grow. The flooring manufacturer came to inspect and said we have a floor compatibility problem caused by improper floor prep. We'll go back to the installer with these findings.

Glenna gave the Build Serve Grow update. The Sanctuary looks great and a new committee was formed for the next phase. Phase one will be paid off in March as pledges continue through May. Phase 2 in the Family Life Center is under discussion centered on prioritizing the wants and needs. \$500-700K is targeted for fundraising still under discussion. The committee wants to improve / increase communication about the activities with the church. A potential churchwide vote (to move forward with the project) is targeted for April 14 before starting fund-raising. We could start renovations in August.

We need someone to take over the community garden. Mulch is ready. There is someone interested in leasing the garden space. Need to discuss with the Trustees.

#### **Pastor Parish Relations Report:**

Debbie reported the consultation forms were completed for Andy.

**Purpose Team Report:** Scott gave the purpose team report. The Fall Festival was a great success with a large turnout. This year's festival will be Oct. 26.

Josh could really use someone to help with the pumpkin patch.

The Advent festival had 26 non-church members attend. It was a huge success. It is set for Dec. 8 next year.

The Purpose team event dates are:

Habitat for Humanity: March 9, March 23, April 13, May 4

Church-wide picnic: March 31

Church Block Party: May 19

Drama Camp (3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade): June 24-30

Church Potluch and Drama Camp Performance: June 30

VBS 2019: July 29-August 1

**Pastors Report:** Andy said we will be commissioning 6 new Steven Ministers this Sunday.

There are 13 confirmands this year. Confirmation Sunday is May 19.

The 1626 expansion will make our exit out of the parking lot right turn only.

The sermon series during Lent will be "I am" sayings of Christ.

Thank you for the 5K!

March 31 is the next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday with one worship service and a picnic.

Digital pledge cards are on the website. They are going out in March. Pledge Sunday is March 24.

Emmett said there will be a district Men's breakfast on Feb. 23 at Northwest Hills UMC. Pancake supper is on Shrove Tuesday, March 5. Tickets will go on sale this Sunday. March 23 likely a clothing drive for men's clothes. Weekly meetings are Wednesday at noon at the Texican restaurant.

Kim asked the Council if it is time to consider changing our Sunday worship times, to avoid concurrent services that was a result of the healthy church initiative. The initiative suggested we could revisit at some time in the future. Attendance at Life on the Road never reached the levels of the contemporary 9:00 service. Perhaps we form a worship enhancement team like was done with HCI. Rick motioned to create a worship enhancement team. Scott seconded and the motion passed with a verbal vote. Rick recommended that Kim lead the team.

**Closing:** The meeting was closed at 8:20pm with a prayer. The next council meeting is April 11.