

**Manchaca United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting
April 11, 2019 - 7:00 PM
Minutes**

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

In Attendance at the meeting: 16

Gary Carpenter	Loretta Loyd	Bill Konde
Rhonda Morris	Kim Carroll	Jennifer Bautista
Ron Hawkins	Ken Kattner	Dave Bourell
Linda Hawkins		

Not in Attendance at the meeting:

Debbie Dulski	Clint Wilson	Scott Abel
Brice Custer	Bob Caudill	
Ed Engleking	Emmett Thomason	

Visitors: Glenna Bowman Marsha Patterson Dick Crist
Richard Halweg

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. Ron motioned to approve the meeting minutes (Loretta seconded) from the last meeting. Minutes were approved verbally. Rick briefly reviewed the handout on the church organization. Rick had a few changes dated March 19 that he wanted to specifically review and approve. The Eco-faith and M&M teams no longer exist and will be removed from the document. Dave motioned to accept the document with the changes. Loretta seconded and the motion passed verbally;

Trustees Team Report: Rhonda gave the trustees report. About 18 members attended the church workday. Top priority was cleaning out the pavilion storerooms, adding locks, and then general ground cleaning. Rhonda said signs have been added to warn about the floor tripping hazard in the hallway. We are still working on an agreement with the flooring company. A 10x10 area will be used to test out a repair method.

Glenna gave the Build Serve Grow update and provided a handout for review. A church conference meeting will be held April 14 to discuss and vote on the next steps (yes or no). A schedule was included if the vote is yes. Renovations could begin August 4.

Finance Report: Dave gave the finance committee report and presented a handout of the current budget vs actual for the first two months. Dave mentioned we are still looking for a third person to join the finance committee. March income numbers look about 7% lower than last year. We are running a small deficit that would be much worse if we had an associate pastor. A

stewardship campaign could help for 2020. There was additional discussion about deficit spending.

Pastor Parish Relations Report: Loretta reported the leadership team met twice with the district discussing the pastor reassignments. The associate pastor opening has not been forgotten by the district. The PPR team is preparing events for the transition.

Purpose Team Report: The purpose team report was shared by Jennifer. She mentioned the successful 5K with the kids dash and manna bags. The church picnic was two weeks ago with cooler weather but still fun.

The Purpose team event dates are:

Habitat for Humanity: April 13, May 4 - still room for more volunteers.

Church Block Party: May 19 - inflatable hungry-hungry hippo and obstacle course.

Drama Camp (3rd – 6th Grade): June 24-30 - Leslie's play.

Church Potluck and Drama Camp Performance: June 30 - Combined worship that day.

VBS 2019: July 29-August 1 Last years volunteers do not have to re-do training.

The pumpkin patch dates are being decided. Josh needs a partner to help coordinate.

Pastors Report: Andy said next week is a big week with Holy Week.

The Choir cantata is on good Friday.

April 28 is the children's musical with combined services.

May 19 is confirmation Sunday with 13 youth.

Plans are being considered for Memorial Day weekend.

The church app is being revised to meet Apple's changing requirements. It will look a little different.

We are working to add an electronic memo for the on-line giving to designate funds.

Andy gave his thoughts on the general conference in St. Louis. Two items passed - the Traditional plan and a method to leave. The Judicial council will take up the two items within the next 2 weeks. They both could be ruled un-constitutional. Andy senses that the Methodist church will undergo a split, but our church will still be here for us. Don't quit and don't get discouraged! We have a big banner to display – "...We welcome ALL God's people".

Rick thanked Andy for his service the past three years.

Worship Enhancement Team: Kim said the team had its first meeting. They talked about the challenges of changing the worship times. The new pastor would like to be a part of the discussions. In the mean time we will be gathering information and attendance statistics.

Closing: The meeting was closed at 8:20pm with a prayer. The next council meeting is June 27.