

CHRIST CHURCH UNITED METHODIST
 CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
 February 23, 2016

VISION STATEMENT ~ *Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World*
MISSION STATEMENT ~ *Bring to Christ, Building in Christ, Sending for Christ*

Council Members Present ~ Jim Keller, Cristi Faulkner, Cynthia Cooper, Kent Cooper, Nancy Bartell, Bill Bartell, Mitch Ulrey, Erin Lelio, Gil Read, Bob Cooper, Rob Bourgeois, Diana Malin, Scot Mitchell, Scott Hammond and Sharon Newsome

Staff Present ~ Dr. Dan Hannon, Rev. Marc Donaldson, Rev. Andy Dill, Ed Gibson, Maggie Wood, Robin Tracey, Steve Mordhorst, Amy Mitcham and Nancy Davis (Recording Secretary)

Guests Present ~ Judy Hannon, Gary L. Brown, and Molly Keller

- I. Call to Order Jim Keller
 - a. Jim Keller called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

- II. Opening Prayer Rev. Marc Donaldson

- III. Church Council Meeting Minutes Jim Keller
 - a. Approve the January 10, 2016 Church Council and Orientation Meeting Minutes
 - i. Kent Cooper motioned to accept the minutes as presented; Bill Bartell seconded, all approved

- IV. Finance Mitch Ulrey
 - a. Approve the November 2015, December 2015 and January 2016 Financials – *Action*
 - i. General Fund – Christ Church

| | <u>Nov. 2015</u> | <u>Dec. 2015</u> | <u>Jan. 2016</u> |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1. Revenue | | | |
| a. Actual | \$146,676 | \$263,828 | \$172,138 |
| b. Budget | \$145,669 | \$252,866 | \$164,463 |
| c. Variance | \$ 1,007 | \$ 10,962 | \$ 7,678 |
| 2. Expense | | | |
| a. Actual | \$154,561 | \$180,978 | \$ 165,795 |
| b. Budget | \$162,503 | \$174,184 | \$ 161,352 |
| c. Variance | \$ -7,942 | \$ 6,794 | \$ 4,443 |
| 3. Net Income | | | |
| a. Actual | \$ -7,885 | \$ 82,850 | \$ 6,343 |
| b. Budget | \$ -16,834 | \$ 78,682 | \$ 3,111 |
| c. Variance | \$ 8,949 | \$ 4,168 | \$ 3,232 |
| 4. Available Cash | | | |
| | \$ 9,174 | \$ 79,387 | \$ 39,685 |

ii. Christ Education Center

| | <u>Nov. 2015</u> | <u>Dec. 2015</u> | <u>Jan. 2016</u> |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1. Revenue | | | |
| a. Actual | \$ 124,155 | \$ 127,786 | \$ 132,653 |
| b. Budget | \$ 152,618 | \$ 153,077 | \$ 159,972 |
| c. Variance | \$ -28,463 | \$ -25,291 | \$ -27,319 |
| 2. Expense | | | |
| a. Actual | \$ 125,764 | \$ 128,856 | \$ 116,956 |
| b. Budget | \$ 146,026 | \$ 155,541 | \$ 146,654 |
| c. Variance | \$ -20,262 | \$ -26,685 | \$ -29,698 |
| 3. Net Income | | | |
| a. Actual | \$ -1,609 | \$ -1,070 | \$ 15,697 |
| b. Budget | \$ 6,592 | \$ -2,464 | \$ 13,318 |
| c. Variance | \$ -8,201 | \$ 1,394 | \$ 2,379 |
| 4. Available Cash | | | |
| | \$ 51,253 | \$ 45,425 | \$ 63,497 |

iii. As seeing no further discussion, Gil Read made the motion to accept the November 2015, December 2015 and January 2016 Financials as presented, Scot Mitchell second, all approved

b. Golf Tournament Fund-Raiser – *Informational*

Gary L. Brown

i. September 19, 2016 – Monday afternoon (See handout)

1. 2009 - \$32 a person, 88 players
2. We would not charge as much do to the break the gold course is giving us
3. The course requires 50% 90 days out and the balance at the time of the tournament

ii. Timing

1. Marc Donaldson asked if the tournament is too close to pumpkins and Fall Market – are we taxing our volunteers to much with such a short turnaround time for the upcoming activities
2. Gary stated that most of the work will be completed by August and the day of the event they will only need 5 – 6 volunteers

c. Handbells

- i. Music Ministry & Fine Arts department would like to buy 2 more octaves, we currently have 3
- ii. Most music is written for 5 octaves
- iii. Cost is \$14,000
 1. The Christ Church Foundation will match up to \$7,000 and the rest will be raised by Music Ministry & Fine Arts department whether it is a fundraiser or gifts

d. Audit

- i. This year we are going to have an Internal Audit Committee
 1. Mitch Ulrey, Dale Brunswick and 2 more people, one of which we would like to be a CPA

V. Nominations – *Action* Dr. Dan Hannon

- a. The Nominations Committee presents the removal of Dan Allinger from the 2017 Pastor Relations Committee due to inactivity in the church
 - i. Scott Hammond motioned, Rob Bourgeois second, all approved
- b. Election of Dale Brunswick to the following committees
 - i. At Large – Finance Committee
 - ii. 2016 Pastor Parish Relations Committee
 - iii. 2016 Nominations Committee
 1. Mitch Ulrey motioned to accept the above nominations for Dale Brunswick, Gil Read second, all approved
- c. Building Committee
 - i. Dan presented the names of the committee for approval by Church Council
 1. Tenel “T” Tayar, Celeste Blackburn, Cynthia Cooper, Doug Gage, Gary L. Brown. Glenn Smith, Jim Keller, Jim Thatcher, Mike Howse, Mitch Ulrey, Rhonda Bourgeois
 2. Staff Committee Members
 - a. Amy Mitcham, Dan Hannon, Marc Donaldson, Robin Tracey and Steve Mordhorst
 3. Scot Mitchell motioned to accept the Building Committee members as listed, Diana Malin second, all approved
 - ii. This committee has met and Tenel “T” Tayar was elected as the Chair

VI. Missions Committee – *Informational* Rev. Marc Donaldson

- a. The committee is meeting this Sunday to set the budget
- b. Policy & Procedures Manual – we took the Missions Society Policy & Procedures Manual and tweaked it to be ours, we still would like to live into the changes and make the policy to reflect more of our Missions Policy & Procedures.
- c. Pray – Give – Do – Go
 - i. The numbers are higher for partnerships
 - ii. Last year - \$57, 000 was the Faith Promise pledge and \$75,000 was given by year end
 - iii. This year - \$107,000 is the Faith Promise pledge and some money has already started coming in

VII. Children’s Education Building Committee – *Informational* Jim Keller

- a. Committee has had 2 meetings
- b. Have split off into 5 sub committees
 - i. Space Needs
 - ii. CEC & Children’s Ministry Business Plan (Financial)
 - iii. Capital Campaign & Communications
 - iv. Architect & Contractor
 - v. Contract Review
- c. Next meeting is February 28, 2016
- d. Have met with Wood Forest Bank
 - i. The Building Committee articulates the finance plan

- e. Goals for the Overall Timeline
 - i. June 30th – preliminary plan for the district
 - ii. July 1st – start process of design and construction preparation
 - iii. September - conduct multi-year (36 month) Capital Campaign separate from General Fund
 - iv. November – final report to District Committee
 - v. November/December – present final report to Charge Conference for approval
 - vi. January 2017 – start construction (pending approval from Woodlands and Montgomery County)
 - vii. August 2017 – Move in

VIII. Review Goals from the 2014 5-Year Strategic Growth Plan – *Informational* Jim Keller

- a. Look over the 7 Operational Goals
 - i. Increase Total Average Worship Attendance to 1,000 by 2018
 - ii. Grow Congregational Participation
 - iii. Develop & Implement Communications, Marketing & Outreach Ideas
 - iv. Form Missions Committee
 - v. Begin Process of replacing temporary Climbing Tree building with a permanent dedicated building
 - vi. Renovate and refurbish Christian Life Center
 - vii. Assign a Staff Member Administrator to continually monitor the progress of the Strategic Plan
- b. Before the next meeting, look over the Goals and ask yourself –
 - i. What have I done to help meet this goal?
 - ii. What have I done to hinder this goal?

IX. Round Table

- a. Dan Hannon – Senior Pastor
 - i. How have you seen God in the life of the church?
 - 1. He observed God through the Day of Service – over 250 people participated
 - 2. Ash Wednesday Club 56 – the stations they set up
 - 3. Ash Wednesday Come & Go – preschool teachers received their ashes by Pastor Andy
- b. Gil Read – Trustees Chair
 - i. Trustees have met once
 - ii. Elected all their officers
- c. Sharon Newsome – Women’s Ministry Lay Leader
 - i. Spring Retreat – Feb. 19th & 20th, Heartland County Inn Retreat Center, Brenham, TX, 17 people, very special time
 - ii. Martha Urban has joined the Women’s Administration Team
 - iii. Young at Heart (YAH) – they are very active in the life of the church
- d. Scot Mitchell – Pastor Parish Relations Chair
 - i. The Committee is supporting Rusty McKee on his ministry path toward becoming a pastor

- e. Kent Cooper – Church Council Vice Chair
 - i. Lifted up Tenel “T” Tayar for continued prayers – he has taken on a lot this year
 - 1. Building Committee Chair and the Hightower Prison Ministry Chair
- f. Erin Lelio – Student Ministry Lay Leader
 - i. Enchanted Rock State National Area (ERock) was a great time for the student and adults
 - ii. 61 people in all attended
- g. Nancy Bartell – Adult Spiritual Formation Lay Leader
 - i. We now have a LED display board for Adult Sunday School classes, thanks to JJJ and the Wesleyans who donated money
 - 1. It will list the Sunday School classes that are currently going on, what room, etc.
 - 2. Ossie Shaw built a wooden business card holder to put at the bottom of the sign that will hold business cards that each class designs with a description their class
- h. Ed Gibson – Music Ministry & Fine Arts Director
 - i. Excited about upcoming Lenten events
 - 1. Taize Service – 3/6/16
 - 2. Holy Week
 - a. Palm Sunday – 3/20/16
 - b. Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae Service – 3/24/16
 - c. Good Friday Service – 3/25/16 – Hearts & Voices will sing
 - d. Easter – 3/27/16
 - 3. Handbells and their growth
 - a. Jubilation Handbells Concert – 4/17/16
 - 4. Children’s Choir
 - a. Wednesday’s
 - b. 40+ active children
 - c. Ages 4 years – 6th grade
- a. Robin Tracey - Executive Director Christian Education Center
 - i. Serving on 2 sub committees for the Building Committee
 - ii. Getting ready to begin our Saturday programs
 - iii. Evening programs
 - iv. Summer camps
- b. Andy Dill - Pastor
 - i. 8 families joined through this past Decision Sunday
 - ii. Giving Kiosk and Text Giving are operational and people are beginning to utilize these modes of giving
- b. Marc Donaldson – Pastor
 - i. Men’s Retreat, February 5th & 6th, a great success
 - ii. Mission Celebration – the end of January was a wonderful success, many partnerships outside our church were formed
- c. Maggie Wood – Student Ministry Director
 - i. ERock was great
 - ii. UM Army
 - 1. Need adult sponsors

2. Randy Wallen is this year director

d. Steve Mordhorst – Business Manager

i. Christ Church UM Mid-Week Stewardship Thought eblast has begun

ii. CC-AM – Christ Church Appearance & Maintenance eblast

1. We are looking for volunteers to perform tasks that will help improve the appearance of our facilities. The tasks will be one to two hours per month. You can bring your own tools and supplies or use ours.

iii. Missions

1. 14% of our money that comes in and goes out is for our Missions that we partner with – not many churches have/do this

e. Amy Mitcham – Children’s Ministry Director

i. Daddy/Daughter Dance – 62 girls and their dads/uncle/grandfathers, etc.

ii. Ash Wednesday – Club 56 families manned stations that evening

iii. Spring Break events

iv. Summer registration has begun

1. First day of registration – 17 people signed up for VBS

v. Summer – 29 camps – 2 years – 6th grade

1. We have 7th & 8th grade summer interns to help with the camps

vi. Next month we begin planning for the fall activity

X. Jim Keller adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm

a. Pastor Andy Dill closed the meeting with prayer