

CHRIST CHURCH UNITED METHODIST
 CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
 March 22, 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, Kent Cooper, Bill Bartell, Mitch Ulrey, Gil Read, Rob Bourgeois, Diana Malin, Sharon Newsome, Karen Nichol, and Steve Basham

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

- 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 – *Action* Jim Keller
 - a. Approve the February 23, 2016 Church Council Minutes
 - i. Diana Malin motioned to accepted the minutes as presented, Bill Bartell second, all approved

- IV. Finance Mitch Ulrey
 - a. Approve the February 2016 Financials – *Action*
 - i. General Fund – Christ Church

	<u>Jan. 2016</u>	<u>Feb. 2016</u>
1. Revenue		
a. Actual	\$ 172,138	\$ 122,569
b. Budget	\$ 164,463	\$ 121,156
c. Variance	\$ 7,678	\$ 1,413
2. Expense		
a. Actual	\$ 165,795	\$ 176,776
b. Budget	\$ 161,352	\$ 164,971
c. Variance	\$ 4,443	\$ -11,805
3. Net Income		
a. Actual	\$ 6,343	\$ -54,207
b. Budget	\$ 3,111	\$ -43,815
c. Variance	\$ 3,232	\$ -10,392
4. Available Cash	\$ 39,685	\$ -19,613

ii. Christ Education Center

	<u>Jan. 2016</u>	<u>Feb. 2016</u>
1. Revenue		
a. Actual	\$ 132,653	\$ 139,517
b. Budget	\$ 159,972	\$ 203,927
c. Variance	\$ -27,319	\$ -64,410
2. Expense		
a. Actual	\$ 116,956	\$ 124,899
b. Budget	\$ 146,654	\$ 146,654
c. Variance	\$ -29,698	\$ 21,755
3. Net Income		
a. Actual	\$ 15,697	\$ 14,618
b. Budget	\$ 13,318	\$ 57,273
c. Variance	\$ 2,379	\$ -42,655
4. Available Cash		
	\$ 63,497	\$ 79,231

- iii. Expenditures that occurred in February were the air conditioning inspection, flood insurance and Easter printing for materials was higher
- iv. CEC Budget is based on the school year not the calendar year
- v. Hearing no further discussion, Rob Bourgeois made the motion to accept the February 2016 Financials as presented, Gil Read second, all approved

b. Golf Tournament Fund Raiser – *Informational*

- i. September 19, 2016 – Monday afternoon (see updated handout)

c. Handbell Campaign – *Informational*

- i. Ed Gibson, Music and Fine Arts Director, has put together a campaign to enable the church to buy 2 more octaves
- ii. The campaign kick-off will be in conjunction with the Jubilation Handbell Concert – April 17, 2016

d. Construction Project Line of Credit (LOC) – *Informational*

- i. Have met with Woodforest Bank in reference to a Line of Credit of \$100,000 for the architect’s drawings for the new Building Project
- ii. Don’t anticipate using all of the LOC because the architect’s drawings have not been over \$9,500

V. Pastor Parish Relations Committee

- a. Nothing to present

VI. Missions Committee

Rev. Marc Donaldson

a. Missions Policy & Procedures Manual – *Informational*

- i. Last Missions Committee meeting the Missions Budget was set
- ii. Committee is living into the Policy and Procedure Manual before they bring it back to Church Council

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

Dr. Dan Hannon

a. All of the sub committees have met and proceeding with their assignments

- i. Have interviewed architect companies – narrowed it down to 2 companies

- ii. LOC of \$100,000 is for the architect fees
 - 1. Their fees have not been over \$9,500
 - 2. Accounts Receivable expenses will be covered by the Capital Funding phase
- iii. Building Committee's next meeting is April 5, 2016 at 7:30am

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

- a. This Plan is through 2019
- b. Next Church Council meeting – there will be copies of the Plan for everyone to take
- c. See handout that Jim passed out during the meeting
 - i. This will be on the agenda for the rest of 2016
 - ii. Continue to ask yourself – what have we done to meet or hurt our goals?
 - iii. Committees – where do you stand on your goals?
- d. Handout – some Goals have been put together (closely related)
 - i. #1-Increase Total Average Worship Attendance to 1, 000 by the end of 2018 (2019) and #2-Grow Congregational Participation
 - 1. Re-evaluate and revisit in April
 - 2. This is the job of the Church Council to make this happen as well as the staff – group effort
 - ii. #3-Develop plans to implement communications, marketing and outreach ideas
 - 1. Marc will research the Plan to see who was assigned these tasks
 - iii. #4-Increase awareness, involvement, prayer support and financial resources for both foreign and domestic mission within the church – this has been happening through the Missions Committee and the church
 - iv. #5-Replacing the temporary building that now houses The Climbing Tree (TCT) with a permanent, dedicated children's building and #6-Renovate and refurbish the Christian Life Center (CLC)
 - 1. Include Maggie Wood in the continuing renovations for the CLC, Student Ministry area
 - a. CLC is not ADA compliant (grandfathered)
 - b. If we begin renovating that area – it will have to be brought up to code
 - 2. We should have a report at the April Church Council meeting since all the sub committees will have met
 - v. Let's look at these goals and move forward not backward
 - vi. The Council thanked Jim Keller for keeping the Council on top of this and keeping us on track

IX. Round Table

- a. Karen Nichol – Care & Compassion Lay Leader
 - i. Keep a list of people who need visiting/food
 - ii. Staying up with the needs of others – needed and very rewarding
- b. Steve Basham – Missions Lay Leader
 - i. Missions budget is set for 2016

- ii. Faith Promise commitments were wonderful this year
- c. Bill Bartell – Lay Delegate
 - i. Communication is important
- d. Cristi Faulkner – Lay Delegate
 - i. It was so wonderful seeing all the generations gather on Palm Sunday to partake in the lunch, Easter Egg hunt, etc.
 - ii. Saw some unfamiliar faces and faces we knew
 - iii. Even though we are growing as a church – we are still a family
- e. Sharon Newsome – Women’s Ministry Lay Leader
 - i. Great things are happening
 - ii. The Women’s Ministry Admin team is
 - 1. More organized
 - 2. Have planned through December
 - 3. Events are calendared
 - 4. Flyers are informative
- f. Marc Donaldson – Pastor
 - i. Holy Week is upon us and a lot is happening
 - 1. Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae
 - 2. All Night Prayer Walk
 - a. Please sign up so there will be extra coverage (security) while the building is open during the Prayer Walk
 - 3. Good Friday Cantata
 - 4. Easter
- g. Maggie Wood – Student Ministry Director
 - i. Confirmation –
 - 1. 20 students
 - 2. Led by Leanne Donaldson
 - ii. Palm Sunday raised approximately \$6,700
 - iii. Breakthru – Junior and Senior High
 - iv. UM Army – still in need of some adults
- h. Gil Read – Trustees/Men’s Lay Leader
 - i. Continue to make repairs
 - ii. Committee will meet next month
- i. Rob Bourgeois – Christ Church Foundation Chair
 - i. The Foundation granted to funding requests
 - 1. Hightower Prison Unit – “T” Tenel
 - 2. Darrington Prison Unit – Kent Cooper
- j. Diana Malin – Lay Leader
 - i. It was an honor to serve as Lay Leader this past Sunday at the 11am Sanctuary service – very meaningful
- k. Robin Tracey – Christian Education Center – Executive Director
 - i. Today was Rodeo Day with animals and Kona Ice
 - ii. The Saturday program is slated to begin the first weekend in May
 - iii. Working on the new budget – budget year is the school calendar year not the regular calendar

1. Amy Mitcham – Children’s Ministry Director
 - i. Palm Sunday was great
 1. We have out grown the function – we are re-evaluating
 2. Egg Hunt, bounce houses, etc. – some of these activities were donated
 - ii. Rodeo Day
 1. The children come into Chapel talking about the animals and how they relate them to Jesus
 - iii. Eggs
 1. The schools save up the change and that is what is put in the eggs
 - a. Children’s Ministry matches what the schools bring in
 2. Children have a goal and the excitement overflows
- m. Andy Dill – Pastor
 - i. Decision Sunday – April 17, 2016
 1. Attendees who have been attending for the last 6 months are invited to join
 2. A letter of invitation is mailed to them
 - ii. Holy Week – wonderful things are happening this week
 - iii. Thank you for all the kind words that you have sent through email on my next journey in my life
 1. *Williams Memorial UMC*, Texarkana
- n. Ed Gibson – Director of Music and Fine Arts
 - i. Music Ministry is very involved during Holy Week
 1. Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae
 2. Good Friday
 3. Easter
 - ii. Jubilation Handbell Concert
 1. First concert – “A Wonderful World of Handbells”
 - a. April 17, 2016, Covenant Chapel, 5pm
 - b. Fund raiser kickoff is that day
 - c. Would like to buy 2 more octaves
 2. Master Works will be singing at the George Bush Library in May
 3. A donation has been presented to the Music Ministry which will enable Ed to have a summer intern (June – August)
- o. Dan Hannon – Senior Pastor
 - i. Have had 3 baptisms in March
 - ii. One coming up in May
 - iii. Passion – fill the people with the Gospel and then the pews will fill
 - iv. Decision Sunday is a success – April 17th is the next one
 - v. Summer Music Ministry Intern –donated funds
 - vi. More ways of giving - 6 ways of Giving cards in the pews
 - vii. Be faithful – life eternal and life abundant

- X. Jim Keller adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm
 - a. Rev. Marc Donaldson closed in prayer