

Krum First United Methodist Church Council

2018 July Meeting Minutes

Date: 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 16

Present: Shane Reneau, Gary Kennedy, Floyd Rosenkranz, Jane Daughhetee, Bryan Nolen, Kevin McClain, Connie Miller, Vicki Whitmer, Laury Scharber, Leo Hicks, Cindy Breeding

Absent: Tim Jones

The meeting at a glance

- **Decorations committee** will begin the structural work for hanging banners, crosses in the church Narthex.
- **Shane Reneau** will approach Bonnie to build a community garden team that will be open to the congregation. Connie will put a call out for the team in the communications stream.
- **Children's Day Out** board minutes will be made available on request.
- **The council** will prayerfully consider the funding of the backpack ministry and Apple ministry, and look to invite Open Range Cowboy Church and Rock Bottom Ministries to be part of the drive
- **Vicki Whitmer** will review rental agreements, and will recommend an agreement for the church to accept in the August meeting. The agreement will indemnify the church from liabilities to renters and protect/preserve church grounds, appliances, electronics, etc.
- **Leo Hicks and Connie Miller** will reprogram the church thermostats to plan for smarter energy usage during the week
- **Bryan Nolan and Connie Miller** will take a closer look at the church sprinkler system near McCart Street and address repairs/tweaks.
- **Unassigned:** Council will review church insurance policy to find out if the policy covers liabilities in the community garden.
- **Council** will prayerfully consider a strategy to serve Krum's teens and children with a consistent youth ministry.

Opening prayer

Fellowship and Growth

- *Leap of Faith* wasn't as applicable as Kevin first thought for a council devotional. Kevin said he will find another title by the August meeting. Leo will order books and the council will reimburse her once the title is chosen. (Other council members with Amazon Prime - Bryan Nolan and Cindy Breeding.)

Meeting minutes review

- No changes suggested - the minutes are online for congregation to read.

Church Business

New Business

- Sept. 16 - Crosby Lane, the husband and wife gospel-folk group, will perform during worship. Kevin will announcements, conduct prayers and lead passing of the peace.

Music will serve as the sermon. offering. The duo can have up to 45 minutes. No communion. Two separate offerings will be collected so that the musicians get love offering. No merchandise sales will take place on site.

Finance/Treasurer/Secretary

- Budget - accepted as is.
- Kevin: The church should have a \$1,000 budget for Vacation Bible School. The council should plan for VBS rather than have a fundraiser or donation drive. The VBS will be an expense, not an income. No motion/no vote, but general agreement that the church should plan to fund VBS from the budget.
- Discussion: Vacation Bible School and Apple Ministries funding as planned budget items. Kevin didn't want to ask for money from the pulpit for two initiatives at the same time, as summer giving dips in the congregation. Now that VBS is covered, Kevin will begin pushing for a special offering for the backpack ministry in August. Jane: That is too late for this year's backpack initiative. The current budget will probably cover this year's expenses, but this year's backpack ministry will wipe out the budget. A fundraiser could seed the 2018-2019 school year's Apple Ministry
- Discussion: The backpack ministry could also be an expense of the church. It could be a priority and parceled as a church budget line. There could also be initiative Jane recalled that, historically, the backpack ministry hasn't taken a penny from the general budget. It was a stand-alone initiative funded outside of annual and monthly budgeting. If we don't do a fundraiser, ministry partners might not raise money, either.
- Discussion: Backpack ministry partners and opportunities for growth or stimulation? (Open Range Cowboy Church? Rock Bottom Ministries? First Baptist?) There was some energy around this discussion. Is God leading us to do more, here?

Building & Grounds

- Decorating committee - Review of recent activity for the committee. Committee is considering aesthetic additions to the sanctuary. Volunteers can begin putting up brackets to prepare for hanging items in the church. Mike Jochetz will make the additional crosses for the interior of the church. Council agrees the committee can begin work on hangings. The idea here being to mount the two crosses Mike will build to either side of the large cross on the altar back wall.
- The committee is considering wall "rotation/updates" for the south wall in the Narthex. The themes of which would coincide with the liturgical calendar.
- Connie Miller - committee discovered banners that can be cleaned and used while cleaning out a storage room of the church. Mention was made of a church member (Margie Graham) whom was once involved with church banners.
- Vicki Whitmer agreed to review church rental agreements, since she has some background in contract review. Vicki reviewed contracts for years at UNT, and will review the assorted contracts. Agreement will need to cover the cost of the energy, water, staff time. Rental agreement would charge fees for non-members and members. We wouldn't have a staffer present for a long event, but we could have someone. (Bryan has a key and would be willing to open the church and then walk through and close it.)

- Fire alarm issues (Connie Miller, facilities manager): Three issues with the fire alarm - LCD display is burned out, a broken flap affecting the water pressure and new fire extinguisher. All of this will be resolved Aug. 1. No \$250 trip charge will be administered. Connie replaced the old extinguisher with the new one and it is properly mounted. Krum fire chief said the LCD display has to be replaced. We have to have a backup - if one LCD screen isn't working, we don't have a backup and are out of compliance. We were yellow-tagged on this, but everything will be up to code on Aug. 1st.
- The church internet system has been enhanced with a booster making for lots of smiles amongst the staff. Way to go, Connie!
- Connie has been working hard at leveling the AC usage. Leo will help Connie reprogram the church thermostats to save on our energy bills. Laury said there are thermostats that are covered and locked, and the key is required to change them. Connie said the sanctuary temperature can be bumped up now that Children's Day Out isn't using the sanctuary,
- Connie will be cleaning out the other church storage room. Carpets will be cleaned in July.
- Connie has put together a "Connie-do" list. She is looking for help with the sprinkler system near the road. Bryan: Kim Whitmer shared the to-do list, and Bryan doesn't know the sprinkler system inside and out, but will walk the irrigation system with Connie and help address issues.
- Connie: We've irrigated the grounds lightly and the landscaping is surviving. Contract worker will trim back branches/plants impeding the sidewalks. In the fall, we should consider pruning. Rose bushes around the sign are dead. Permission to clean everything out and put clean, neat color in around the sign. Bryan suggested Connie work with Helen Reneau in choosing the new plants for the sign. Council moved/voted to remove dead plants around the sign. Gary to assist in the effort.
- Community garden - Does our insurance cover injuries in the community garden? Discussion: We need more efficient irrigation processes for the garden for safety and efficiency while Bonnie Coffen and Violet Simmons are out of town for two months during the summer. Bonnie's "buried bucket" method requires too much staff time in her absence, but is appropriate when she is in town and supervising the garden. Kevin recommended building a community garden team so that the garden can thrive and volunteers can share the care of it. Shane said he will help with the community garden team, as he already tends a plot.
- Connie has drip/spray combination irrigation hoses that can be connected during the summer. Council green-lighted the use of the hoses in Bonnie's absence. When Bonnie returns, the sunken bucket irrigation method can resume (hoses should be accounted for afterward.)

Children's Day Out

- Budget review. Church bought a new computer so that teachers could complete training.
- Kevin thanked Leo Hicks, Peggy Nolen, Norma Bailey & other volunteers for the hard work of shifting CDO budgeting to Quick Books from Pro Care accounting systems for a clean, readable reporting method on the budget.)

- Discussion: Members of the CDO board must have background checks and fingerprinted as required by state law for adults who are in proximity to children on a regular basis.
- CDO Chapel – Discussion recently addressed reviving CDO Chapel. Previously, Kevin came in ready to officiate. However, the timing was not agreeable as there was shuffling of teachers, classrooms needing coverage, and shortness of staff issues. Chapel invariably dropped off. Kevin is prepared to start doing Chapel again. Wednesday is optimal. This Wednesday, Kevin does want to start this up again and give them a taste of the forthcoming VBS program. Parents would be able to register for VBS when they drop off or pick up their children.
- We have four registrants for VBS. Laury said it's not uncommon to have numerous people register on the first day of VBS. Connie has a promotional video with VBS music and features she can play for CDO chapel on Wednesday, July 18. Laury said every day - from Wednesday to next Wednesday - the kids can go into the chapel and they can sing songs and do various VBS activities in preparation.

Congregational Care

- We got four weeks covered by making an announcement. The idea is to share the care among the care volunteers. Selling it is an ongoing process. (Amen!)

Small Church initiative

- The process has been wrapped up - with some of the initiatives ongoing. Kevin said we can change the name of this section to pastor's report. Kevin said Connie has had a lot of ideas and energy for the fall, and Kevin held her back to get the welcome/hospitality team, covenant groups and discipleship pathways more established before we do this heavy marketing. On Sept. 9, the congregation and visitors will see the campaign begin.
- Developments: Worship team met today. On Sept. 9, Kevin wants to debut a set Order of Service that includes more planning and participation of lay leadership. Communion changes to once a month on Sept. 9, which is typical in United Methodist churches - Kevin will talk with members who are accustomed to weekly communion to monthly to prepare them and to get feedback on the change.
- Development: Kevin is planning to start a 9 a.m. Service of Word and Table - longer communion liturgy for those who like weekly communion. Kevin will present organized plan for the changes for Council approval. Discussion: the church used to have this Service of Word & Table at 8 a.m. and participation waned. Kevin suggested that a 9 a.m. Word and Table service will allow people to have communion weekly, then go to Sunday School. He expects that some people might only attend the communion service and Sunday School.
- Kevin would like for us to develop a plan for youth ministry. Vicki Whitmer, Pat Nolan and Charlotte Guest have been working with children during Children's Church. We had eight to 10 youth this time last year. Our numbers of children are lower and we're not offering anything for them. Do we want to advertise a youth position? Kevin would like to have something in action by September. We have only advertised in the Wesley Foundation (worship leader advertised there.) Not much response to the advertisement, and the position offers \$5,000 a year. The new pastor at Blue Mound UMC (Jacob)

suggested joining forces with Krum to share a program. Blue Mound doesn't have any teenagers at all. Youth ministry is really important. If there is a member of the church who is interested, that could be arranged. Think: Being a younger, energetic presence at school events would attract students. Youth minister would not assume responsibility for Children's Church