

Church Council Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2019

Attendees: Pastor Kevin, Bryan, Mary, Connie, Leo, Kim, Bill, Becky, Norma and Bonnie

Absent: Charlotte, Tim, Lucinda

Bryan led with opening prayer.

Reflections: Bryan introduced the group to the book "Jesus Called. He Wants His Church Back."

Children's Garden: Bonnie spoke of beginning a larger Children's Garden and purpose-built clubhouse for play and activities. She presented a plan for laying out raised beds. One bed could be raised high enough to allow handicapped/wheelchaired children to participate. There will also be vertical beds. Kids would participate and have lessons in the clubhouse. Bill mentioned concern about the pond across the road from the garden as there may need to be a barricade or fencing put in place beforehand. We concluded with a list of 'To-Do's' for Bonnie and Violet to address.

- Get Ministry Safe certified.
- Work with Shane Reneau as he is our Garden Team Leader.
- Resources needed: She needs compost, peat moss and vermiculite.
- Parental monetary expenditure: Purchase pail and trowel.

Estes' Contribution: Bryan followed-up with a card containing a letter of thanks and details on where the money was allocated. Letter read to CC members.

Drain covers fixed but the fix is temporary. People walking on the metal covers cause screws to loosen as metal flexes when stepped on and springs back to strike underside of screwheads.

Wind problems causing front door to fly open. Dead bolts voted on, approved. Kevin moved, and Leo seconded. ([As Trustees rep, I need to follow-up on this one.](#))

New assignments: Charlotte and Lucinda considered as our SPPRC rep. Bryan willing to stay on as Trustees rep.

Agenda to be rearranged to allow staff members and Youth to get their business covered first. Members agreed that staff can provide write-ups to Church Council to use during the meeting in lieu of their attending.

Pastor Kevin mentioned next weekend is the annual NT Conference training at McKinney UMC.

Southeast door (by playground) having trouble latching when closed from inside. We need to ensure it is fully latched when closing up until we can get it fixed. Only solution at this time is shoving closed from outside, thus locking the person shoving outside.

Youth: Four youth going to winter camp and are quite excited; once-a-month Sunday School class proposed but requires another teacher. Mary seeking a volunteer.

Leo presented Financials. Budget reviewed. As of the end of Dec 2018, CDO is behind by a month and a half on the Building Use Fee (\$3217/mo). CDO is raising tuition and charging for field trips.

CDO: CDO assessed 5/7 of the total bill for bldg maintenance. Due to lowering of the church's bill, in 2019 their monthly bill will be reduced to \$2928/mo. Mary asked if there was training that would help Laury better manage the CDO finances. Still awaiting word from CDO on the type of keyless entry system they want to use.

Connie addressed the new landscape bid but we could not find the numbers. Tabled till she can send out via email for vote. [\(Follow-up: Bid presented, and council members approved quote.\)](#)

New computer system working wonderfully. Becky asked if the back screen could show the song lyrics so choir doesn't have noses in song book. Connie to investigate.