

Krum First United Methodist Church Council

2018 November Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, Nov. 19, 2018

Present: Leo Hicks; Gary Kennedy, Floyd Rosenkranz, Bryan Nolan, Rev. McClain, Cindy Breeding, Norma Bailey

Absent: Vicki Whitmer, Shane Reneau; Jane Daughhetee & Tim Jones

I. Opening Prayer

II. Reflections

III. Church Business

1. What happened between meetings:

a. Windfall of the Estes' fund and allocations

b. Bryan Nolan: Did we get a refund to Vicki & Kim for their donation? Leo said they have donated their expense, which gives us a full \$5,000 to place in the benevolence fund. Pastor Kevin said the Apple Ministry (Half-an-Apple = school supplies and Apple Seed = Reading Group Mentorship) is the most impactful ministry we have to the needy. He recommended that be the first place we should direct the benevolence funds. (At the time this took place, Special Touch Ministries Thanksgiving meals contributions were fully funded.)

c. Leo: Jane Daughhetee was checking on Angel Tree as a possible recipient.

d. Kevin also noted that Congregational Care uses money out of volunteer pockets - buying stamps/cards. How much money each six months does it take to provide congregational care? Leo, Becky & Gary Kennedy and Jane Moynagh spend out of their own pocket. Gary reiterated our asking of their favorite drive-through restaurant meals (specifics included, what they like in their order). That would be easier for volunteers to handle and distribute. Leo suggested we reimburse Congregational Care volunteers for expenses and was well received.

e. Outreach ministries: Backpack blessings; reading mentoring; special touch ministries; vacation bible school; donations to youth.

f. Ideas: Pastor Kevin - Congregational Care would be greatly helped with \$500. \$1,000 for VBS, Upcoming youth camp likely to cost \$150 per person to go for youth. Not all church member families would be able to foot the expense and for \$1,000, we can send them all. Whatever they have raised, would be welcome and further beneficial.

g. After further discussion, agreement was reached on the distribution of funds. Apple Ministries would receive \$1000 to be equally divided amongst the Half-An-Apple School Supplies ministry and Apple Seed Reading Program ministry. Congregational Care would receive \$500. VBS would receive \$1000. Youth will receive \$1000. Our contribution to forthcoming Special Touch Ministries campaigns now has \$500 designated. And finally, we will hold \$1000 in reserve for future use.

h. Leo and Bryan said the leadership will send a heartfelt thanks to the Estes. ([Follow-up: Card sent.](#))

i. Gary moved that we approve the distribution; Cindy seconds - carries unanimously.

2. Church Council

a. Heightened security needs due to present state of affairs nationally. The leadership will contact the members who are LHC holders, talking with Matt Guest about providing security. Bryan's son Chris has SWAT training.

b. Norma Bailey studied the state laws. The leadership several years ago decided not to put 306 nor 307 signs on the building that forbid firearms within the building. Having not posted signs means we are legally a private business. Furthermore, we have CDO, which

also puts us under the heading of private business. Permit-holders can therefore legally carry.

- c. Gary asked if CPS has any guidelines governing guns on premises. **(Need to follow-up on this one.)**
 - d. Leo - in the CDO board meetings, we've been discussing having cameras so that we can legally have one teacher per classroom. Discussed getting one system, then studying room by room. Why not get the one system and put it right up front? Camera on entrance, CDO doors. But the expense would be a classroom improvement. **(Follow up: Laury has no objection guns-wise during non-CDO hours. We'll need to follow-up on this.)**
 - e. Rev. McClain suggested that we need kind of a committee to develop a security plan. We need to ask Jim Watkins if he would consider sharing security information (he works for FEMA and has emergency management experience.) Tim Jones and Mark Foster know him and could possibly invite him to lend expertise to such a committee. **(Follow up: Sorry y'all, I have talked to my son and he is all for it but would like to talk to Jim beforehand...and that's as far as I got. It may be time to hand this off to others, but if not, please have patience.)**
 - f. Gary moved to acquire the security system/surveillance system for the church and to begin formation of a security team for the church, including the invitation to Jim Watkins to consult. Rev. McClain seconded. Discussion. Motion carries. (Note: We might need to consult an electrician in the event we need wiring services for camera. Typically requires 110 volts.)
 - g. UMM contribution - Raised \$570. Trying to keep it earmarked for Eagle scout project. Zachary Russel is wanting to install a flagpole and a gravel garden around it.
3. Finance/Treasurer/Secretary etc.
- a. Budget vs Actual - presented as an attachment
 - b. Year-ago comparison - presented as an attachment
 - c. Month-to-month tithing report, past two years – presented as an attachment
 - d. Nursery expense revisited - Nursery discontinued due to lack of children during worship. Should we arrange to have nursery for holiday service? Rev. McClain suggested arranging nursery coverage on the Christmas Eve service. Leo asked Jimmie Plunkett, Helen Reneau and Pat Johnson to let Leo know if any little ones come in so that ministry-safe certified congregants can cover the nursery. **(Follow-up: CDO teacher has volunteered to work nursery without pay when/if available plus Ministry Safe requires two, so "we're close, but no cigar". A few parents may be able to step in if the need arises, but the real question is whether the need will arise and how often during our regular services?)**
4. Church Missions and Ministries
- a. CDO
 - Budget - performed well in September but didn't pay their taxes. Addition of taxes created \$742 overdraw in October. So CDO is behind. Tuition fees go up \$25 per child in January 2019.
 - Keyless entry costs \$1,000, and CDO doesn't have that at the moment. Bryan suggested we consider it a capital improvement. Gary moved that we move the cost of the keyless entry to the church budget. Kevin said the timing is good because seasonal illnesses affect our staff. Leo seconds the motion. Motion carries. **(Need to follow-up further on this one. Not the highest priority, but important nonetheless.)**
 - Chili Supper plans - What's the plan? Laury has always had people to help with the chili supper setup. Leo brought it up at UMW and they will discuss taking care of setup. Gary suggested UMM should donate their December project time to setting up and taking down tables and chairs. (Some discussion of seating arrangement and space

between front row to the choir.) (Follow-Up: All went according to plan. UMW and UMM contributed but the supper turnout left much to be desired. It may be time to reconsider or reorganize this effort. It could be successful, but not in the way it is presently offered.)

- From Connie: CDO has agreed to change their Bible Hour to Wed/Fri so I can be here to run their service with the new Beginner Bibles Series and Motion Song Video Collections. This has been wonderful for everyone and is the favorite part of her job. □

- b. Mission Outreach (Appleseed Ministries, Half-an-Apple Reading, Backpack Blessings, etc.): Nothing to report.
- c. Congregational Care
- d. Community Garden - Bonnie & Violet did some work after church on Sunday. Dr. Moynagh dropped off some cedars shavings.

5. Building/Grounds Maintenance

- a. Miscellaneous issues to address: See final page.
- b. The heater that feeds the conference room is off, but Leo said she nudged the thermostat and it worked. A Bible study was chilly - Gary said the culprit is the small print on the display - you have to select "heat" for the furnace to turn on. (Follow-up: Seems we forgot Keith Fix did come out and made some sort of fix or adjustment. Not sure what, but we have not yet received an invoice yet. Oh well.)
- c. Bryan said this year will likely be the final year for Boy Scouts to meet here. Declining membership is the cause. (Follow up: Misunderstanding on my part. Present Boy Scouts...and any new ones that may get picked up in the coming months...will continue the tradition until all reach age 18 or achieve Eagle Scout honors.)
- d. Bryan reported that he has to complete the storage trailer project. He'll get wire to go around it and put a gate at the entrance. (Follow up: Wire fencing was a nitpick of the CPS rep that audits CDO. This individual has since moved on and we are taking a wait-and-see attitude on the new rep.)
- e. Long term goal: PVC pipe to front trees for controlled watering when needed- tabled.
- f. Gary moved to allocate \$2,000 for computer upgrades as capital improvement expense to cover the cost of new computer, software and any incidentals needed to upgrade the system. (\$400 for pro-presenter software update, \$800 for a refurbished Dell needed to run projections, music, video and also for Connie to perform her work). Seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (Follow-up: Computer system costs totaled \$1400.00)
- g. Voted to pay Connie \$100 of \$300 earned from rental for her work in rebuilding the couple's video and re-programming the couple's playlist on a streaming service. Our computer operating systems are too old to be compatible with new software and operating systems.

6. Church Business (the routine, mundane sort of stuff)

- a. State 802 form update - this is done.
- b. Hold Harmless form - still underway
- c. Church Rental activities update - we will need to revise rental agreement to cover technical/digital costs. (Need to follow-up on this one.)

7. Communications Team

8. Youth

- a. Holiday Shoe Boxes

IV. Closing Prayer

V. SPPRC

COMMUNICATIONS AND BUILDING/PROPERTY REPORT NOVEMBER 2018

COMMUNICATIONS:

- I am training additional help to run the media during Sunday service.
- We have several sets of worship graphics now, each is pre-designed for the service now making it go much quicker in setting it all up. This will aide in the next step for training others who wish to learn the booth.
- Each communication stream has declined in participation, as well as Sunday attendance, 55, 50, 54, 48 since last meeting
- I am in the process of detailing data on all of the worship service equipment we use to correlate it with a potential new computer to drive the services. The current system is failing too often when least expected needing total re boot. I hope to have a full report and estimate on expense next meeting. My hope is that we can upgrade the CPU only, and that will communicate with everything else that is plugged into it that runs the service.
- I am working with Jessie to build a video song bank of videos that show up well on our screen, large letters are tough to find. Trying to stay under 3min. I believe this has been a wonderful Christian growing experience for the youth!

BUILDING & LAND

- Rose Bushes are growing back at the front sign. I had talked to Bryan about the Boy Scouts planting flowers there. Not sure where we are on that project.
- All air ducts and vents have been vacuumed clean, man were they layered with dust! (photos attached) a/c and heating units should work more efficiently now. (Thank you, Shane and son Teagan!) We must do the worship center ceiling at some point, but that is a chore requiring a very tall ladder and someone fearless of heights.
- Stained Ceiling Tiles are in line to be changed out next when Shane and Teagan can get to it.
- A/C is now off in the worship Center and the heat is set to 65 except for Sunday AM
- Kitchen undergoing DEEP CLEAN. We are going to be experimenting with additional products. I think the floor should be replaced as it is too dirty to clean. Maybe lay some foam tiles that can be changed in and out as necessary?

IMMEDIATE CONCERNS

1. What can be done to make the round table holder in the storage room SAFER? no discussion/action
2. I would like a dimmer switch at the booth for dimming the lights while we show videos, which I hope to do more often, for music as well as anything else. no discussion/action
3. Storage Trailer is in need of a PERMANENT safety fix ASAP. The orange fencing was a temp FIX and is not holding up. This is a CDO safety requirement and must be resolved asap. ([Follow up: Fencing removed and trashed. Case closed for now as previously mentioned.](#))
4. Clean carpet in Worship Center

FYI

Cleaning crew does clean the inside front doors and windows regularly, but not the outside.