

Church Council Minutes

November 7, 2017
Brian Knapp, Presiding

Call to Order/Welcome

Brian Knapp

Minutes/Consent Agenda

Anita Caraway– Move, Joy Killam – Second, Motion Passed

IMMEASURABLY MORE UPDATE

- Heaters are ordered for CLC – replacing 2, ordered 5
- Fellowship Hall is in process
- Chapel, Parlor, Kitchen – getting bids
- Digital Sign – getting close
- Awnings – haven't begun

Questions:

Are we getting carpet in the Parlor? *We are getting both carpet and laminate flooring in the parlor.*

Can we still donate? *Yes.*

Is the Children's space finished? *It is 90% complete.*

Ellen Charanza SPRC

- Approved for Dr. E to hire Paula West as a pianist until the end of the year.
- Completed second means of 360 online evaluation for Pastor Jerome and Pastor Laura. This evaluation gives feedback on strengths and weaknesses which gives the opportunity for growth.
- Oct. 3, decision was made to keep clergy salary as is. After Laura finishes school we will revisit her salary.
- Approved for both, Dr. E and Caleb Brimmage, to move forward in their call to ministry.

Jesus Salaiz Trustees

- Jerome covered everything in his IM update.

Questions:

How much extra money did we spend on the extra HVAC's? *We actually saved money buying more.*

Is the roofing work that is being done from hail damage and what all roofs are being repaired? *Some, yes. Children and Adult wing, MGP, Sanctuary, Fellowship hall and Chapel*

Did we file a claim and get insurance to cover bat damage? *No, it is not covered.*

Jody Anderson

- We do not have our October numbers yet.
- Apportionments haven't been paid for a few months and must be paid before the end of the year.
- Collection plates are lower than usual and haven't received all pledged giving.
- Staff is not spending without approval.
- Churchwide Stewardship Campaign beginning in January.
- We will have a budget to present to Church Council at the end of February.

Al Charanza - Move, Don Mulbach - Second, Motion passed

Al Charanza Missions - Get involved!

- Love INC. needs heaters. Sunday school classes have purchased 12 heaters.
- Cook and Serve – this Saturday at Herty, next Saturday at 2nd Street.
- Thanksgiving meal, 11:30am
- Bethlehem set up – Diboll prison sending trustees Nov. 27 at noon.
We need Church members to help set up in the evening.
- Bethlehem – Dec. 1 & 2.
- Challenge – at the beginning of the year choose a way to serve differently. Do Something Different.

REMARKS FROM REV. DR. JEROME

- TURN – planting trees next Friday, Nov. 10, from 8 - 10 AM. Let Elisa Harris know if you can help.
- Fellowship Hall lost an oven. Oven can not be repaired. Cost – \$4,000
- Nov. 16 – CLT/DLT Training Event, Loving All God's Children, held here at FUMC.
- Membership Update Audit – 205 being withdrawn.
- Dr. Ernest has been asked to be a part of the leadership/worship team for TAC.
- Stewardship Surveys going out Nov. 19-Nov.26.
- Safety Policy and Proper Protocol - Met with Brigitte and working on a written procedure.

Rev. Dr. Jerome Brimmage closed the meeting with prayer.

Brian Knapp – Meeting Adjourned

Minutes Submitted by Ashley Cagle

Recording Secretary