



Church Council

Meeting Date: September 11th, 2016
Meeting Time: 6:00 p.m.
Meeting Place: FLC 837

Council Schedule: 2016 January 31 • April 24 • June 12 • September 11 • November 15

Mandarin United Methodist Vision

To be fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

Mandarin United Methodist Mission

To connect people to Jesus' love by

- **Inviting people to know Christ and to make him known.**
- **Caring for people to show Christ's love.**
- **Discipling people to grow in Christ.**
- **Sending people to go with Christ in service to others.**

Attendance:

Jim Clark	Linda Hurley	Joan Altemose	
Brantley Davis	Janson Kinsley	Bret Altemose	
Sandra Clark	Suellen Kinsley	Sandy Strickland	
Michele Corlew	Bill Renfro	Susie Purvis	
Sarah Gilbert	Gerri Russell	Joe Purvis	
John Russell	Bruce Seidner	Chris Pillay	
Bill Barkoskie	Sheila Strouse	Robin Overton	
Donna Jean Brooks	Rick Smith	Chuck Bolen	
Ron Brooks	Debbie McLeod	Bonnie Goede	
Dan Davis	Jeff St.Clair	Byron Goede	
Caroline Daguinod	Mike Groos	Andrea Vrtikapa	
Dave Ehrlich	Susie Curts	Jeff Hayes	
Jean Ehrlich	Joann Butler	Paula Hill	
Ed Holmes	Bill Gasper		

Total 41

Minutes:

1. Assemble in God's Name

- Chairman Jim Clark called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.
- A moment of silence was observed in memory of the occurrences of 9/11.
- Jim Clark delivered an opening prayer.
- Sandy Webb and Pastor Jeff St. Clair led the singing of Hymn 451, "Be Though My Vision" and Hymn 338, "Where He Leads Me".

2. Proclaim God's Word

- Jim Clark led the council in a devotion.

3. Celebrate Our Past

- The Minutes from the June 12th meeting were approved.

- Dan Davis offered Jim Clark, Steve Morcom, Jerry Silves, Rick Smith, Pastor Debbie McLeod, and Pastor Will Wold as nominations for the Stewardship Committee. All nominations were elected to serve.

4. Present Offerings

- Pastor Jeff St. Clair presented the CR 210 Initiative Update.
 - Two community events were held.
 - A new marriage discipleship class will begin in October.
 - *Kayaking with Jeff Fresh Expression* is growing rapidly.
 - 15 potential fresh expression leaders were trained as well as discipleship group leaders.
 - Five to six discipleship groups have or are planned to begin meeting.
 - Fresh Expressions are currently reaching over 200 people through various activities and groups.
- John Russell delivered the Tactical Team Strategic Planning Appreciative Inquiry (AI) Update.
 - The 5-week Appreciative Inquiry sermons are set to begin September 18th.
 - Activities will accelerate beginning Wednesday September 14th.
 - October 5th, the Tactical Team will meet with community leaders to discuss what Mandarin United Methodist Church can offer the community.
 - In November the Tactical Team will create a plan for MUMC's AI journey.
- Chris Pillay presented the Stewardship and Debt Elimination Drive Report.
 - Commitment Sunday, November 6th, will include pledges for both the Church Fund and the Debt Elimination Drive.
 - The mortgage debt as of August 21st, 2016 was \$3,812,500.
 - Over 1.5 million dollars has been given to the *Fulfilling the Promise* fund.
- Michele Corlew delivered the Financial Report and 2017 Budget Recommendation. The budget for 2017 was approved.
 - So far in 2016, with four months remaining, we have been able to keep our expenditures and expenses in balance.
 - The proposed 2017 budget will require \$1,967,000 in contributions meaning an increase of \$294,000 in contributions to the operating fund will be required.
 - The 2016 cuts are not sustainable.
 - These funds are required for a wide range of needs such as the replacement of aging air conditioning units, updating the technology used by the church staff, and a pay increase for the church staff.

5. Going Out in God's Name

- Pastor Debbie McLeod led the Charge and Benediction.
- The council was adjourned to serve at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Gilbert, Recording Secretary