



Church Council

Meeting Date: April 2, 2017
Meeting Time: 6:00 pm
Meeting Place: FLC 837

2017 Council Schedule: January 29 • April 2 • June 25 • September 10 • November 5

Mandarin United Methodist’s Mission/Vision

*Mandarin United Methodist Church:
 Transforming Lives by...*

- Loving God and Neighbor
- Touching Hearts for God
- Equipping the Young

Attendance:

John Russell	Tim Cooke	Rick Clark	
Sarah Gilbert	Dave Ehrlich	Jan McDowell	
Dan Davis	Jean Ehrlich	Phillip McDowell	
Joe Purvis	Ed Holmes	Alison Lawlor	
Jim Clark	Lester Jenkins	Gene Strouse	
Susie Purvis	Val Newsome	Sheila Strouse	
Mike Overton	Gerri Russell	Bonnie Goede	
Chris Pillay	Rick Smith	Byron Goede	
Jeff Hayes	Traci Thomas	Caroline Daguinod	
Jim Fielder	Jennifer Wydler	Robin Overton	
Rick Thomas	Debbie McLeod		
Sandra Clark	Jeff St. Clair		
Bruce Seidner	Will Wold		
Bill Barkoskie	Sandy Strickland		

Total 38

Minutes:

- Opening Prayer – Pastor Jeff St. Clair
- Call to Order – John Russell called the Council to order at 5:59pm.
- Devotion – Dan Davis presented a devotion on Joseph.
- Introductions – Dan Davis introduced the Church Council Class of 2019.

Past Stewardship of our Time, Talent, and Treasure

- The January 29, 2017 minutes were approved.
- Mike Overton delivered the SPRC Report.
 - The Minister in Residence has been selected.
 - In order to provide for a degree of pay equity for the associate pastors, a proposal will be offered at a called Charge Conference (June 25) to raise the salaries of Pastor Jeff and Pastor Will.
- Chris Pillay delivered the Stewardship Report.
 - There had been a 7% increase in giving.
 - The Stewardship committee is working on a way to make their presence felt year round

Opportunities to Share our Time, Talent, and Treasure

- Pastor Jeff St. Clair delivered an update on the *Longleaf @ 210* initiative.
 - The first community worship service was held at Alpine Groves Park on Palm Sunday.
 - The offering from the Palm Sunday service is going to homeless children and youth.
 - Small groups are doing well and a large growth is anticipated.
 - Kayaking with Jeff is expanding.
 - There is a podcast on relationships beginning on July 1, 2017.
 - Four groups of leaders are being established to expand the *Longleaf @ 210* initiative.
- John Russell presented the Tactical Team update entitled *God's Vision, Our Dreams*.
 - Over the past 12 months the Tactical Team has been leading the MUMC-wide planning and visioning effort using the Appreciative Inquiry tool.
 - Using the strengths and values found through surveying the congregation established a combined mission/vision statement.
 - The proposed mission/vision statement is:
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 - The motion to enact the new statement was made by John Russell and was seconded by Sandra Clark.
 - After much discussion, the Council voted to change the mission/vision statement in a 29-4 vote.
- Jeff Hayes delivered the financial report.
 - Pledges are in line with those of last year.
- Jim Fiedler presented the 2017 Revised Budget.
 - The budget was revised because there was a need to balance revenues and expenses.
 - The income has been up 7% year to year.
 - The majority approved the new revised budget.
- Closing prayer and Benediction – Pastor Debbie closed the Church Council meeting with a prayer and benediction at 7:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Gilbert, Secretary