# logotopChurch Council

***Meeting Date:*** January 28, 2018

***Meeting Time*:** 6:00 pm

***Meeting Place****: E 304*

***2018 Council Schedule:*** *January 28 • April 8 • June 10 • September 30 • November 18*

### 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:**

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| John Russell | Tami Hayes | Allison Lawlor |  |
| Anna Scharbo | Sarah Colley | Mike Groos |  |
| Blake Barkoskie | Randy Gilbert | Bill Renfro |  |
| Bill Barkoskie | Sheila Gilbert | Sarah Gilbert |  |
| Andy Rains | Sandy Webb | Jim Clark |  |
| Alex Rains | Sheila Strouse | Sandra Clark |  |
| Rich Clark | Mary Ayer | Jeff St. Clair  |  |
| Dan Davis | Robin Overton | Debbie McLeod |  |
| Jim Fielder | Mike Overton | Jean Ehrlich |  |
| Rick Colbert | Caroline Daguinod | David Ehrlich |  |
| Vicky Colbert | Karen Webb |  |  |
| Traci Thomas | Randy Webb |  |  |
| Rick Thomas | Bill Olson |  |  |
| Gene Strouse | Jeff Hayes |  |  |
| Riley Hayes | Tim Cooke |  |  |

 **Total 40**

### Minutes:

* Call to Order – John Russell called the Council to order at 6:00 pm.
* Opening Prayer – Pastor Will Wold
* Devotion – Pastor Jeff St Clair offered the devotion based on *Canoeing the Mountains*.
* Dan Davis introduced the new Church Council members and again highlighted the need to fill the vacancy occurring when the Council Secretary leaves for college in the fall.
* John Russell provided a brief orientation on the role of the Church Council and reminded the Church Council members of their role as the leaders of the church.

**Past Stewardship of our Time, Talent, and Treasure**

* The November 5, 2017 minutes were approved without modification.
* Dan Davis presented the Nomination report.
	+ The SPRC welcomes Tom Boyko and Rick Thomas.
	+ The Trustees Committee adds Kim Hollaman.
	+ The Children’s Council welcomes Holly Stringer.
	+ Tom Hayes and Paul Sweeney will take over as co-Rec Council Chairs.
	+ All nominees were approved by unanimous vote.
* Mike Overton presented the Staff-Parish Relations report.
	+ Beth Davis was hired as administrative assistant effective January 2nd.
	+ Margie Higgens was hired as media specialist
* Jeff Hayes presented the Finance report. He reported that:
	+ Learning Ladders came in strong in 2017.
	+ The Church may be able to begin paying off more of its loan principle and interest in 2018 due to a higher amount given to debt retirement than the pledge cards had predicted.

**Opportunities to Share our Time, Talent, and Treasure**

* Pastor Anna Scharbo presented an update on the Crown Point Elementary School Initiative.
	+ She highlighted challenges, successes, and goals of the program.
	+ This initiative’s challenges include:
		- Time management
		- Recruitment
		- Program structure
	+ The initiative’s successes include:
		- Meeting children where they are.
		- Improvements in grades.
		- Improvements in behavior.
	+ The initiative’s goals include:
		- Recruit a larger group of volunteers.
		- Meet with the Crown Point Principal.
		- Involve parents.
* The Strategic Vision/Plan Update was presented by Dan Davis.
	+ The strategic plan includes four main topics of Worship, Discipleship, Faith Sharing, and Serving Others.
	+ The Worship changes – with goal to increase worship attendance – include:
		- Increased laity-led worship.
		- A balanced time distribution among the worship elements/activities.
		- A more consistent ending time.
		- One goal is an increase in worship attendance.
	+ The Discipleship topic saw achievement for the goals of:
		- Collecting spiritual path assessment results from the congregation.
		- Offering a diverse selection of Wednesday night classes.
		- Small group growth.
	+ Faith Sharing has achieved growth through:
		- The sermon series on this topic.
		- Establishing Know, Grow, Go teams in the Longleaf Church initiative.
	+ The Crown Point Initiative is accomplishing its goal of serving others.
* The Council was alerted to the revised schedule for its 2018 meetings – April 8, June 10, September 30 and November 18.
* John Russell talked briefly about the book entitled, *Canoeing the Mountains – Christian Leadership in Unchartered Territory*. Because of its content and context, the Church Council will be reading and discussing the book at each of its 2018 meetings. To facilitate that discussion, MUMC has purchased a copy of the book for each family unit represented on the Council. Members were asked to pick up their copies upon the conclusion of the meeting and to read *Chapters 1 – 6* in preparation for the April 8 meeting of the Church Council.
* Pastor Debbie McLeod closed the meeting with a prayer and benediction at 7:23 pm.

### *Respectfully submitted,*

### *Sarah Gilbert, Secretary*