



## Church Council

**Meeting Date:** April 8, 2018  
**Meeting Time:** 6:00 pm  
**Meeting Place:** E304

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

## Mandarin United Methodist Mission/Vision

*Mandarin United Methodist Church:*

*Transforming lives by...*

- Loving God and neighbor
- Touching hearts for God
- Equipping the young

## Attendance:

Sarah Gilbert	Jeff St. Clair	Jan McDowell	
Jim Clark	Randy Gilbert	Phillip McDowell	
Sandra Clark	Sheila Gilbert	Allison Lawlor	
Richard Ayer	Bill Gardner	Byron Goede	
Mary Ayer	Sheila Strouse	Caroline Daguinod	
Andy Rains	Gene Strouse	Michael Maxwell	
Alex Rains	Bonnie Goede	Rick Thomas	
Dan Davis	Jean Ehrlich	Traci Thomas	
John Russell	Dave Ehrlich	Suellen Kinsley	
Andrea Vrtikapa	Bill Hardy	Jason Kinsley	
Randy Webb	Riley Hayes	Robin Overton	
Karen Webb	Tami Hayes	Bill Renfro	
Vicky Colbert	Jeff Hayes	Angie Englethaler	
Rick Colbert	Sarah Colley		

**Total 41**

## Minutes:

- Call to Order – John Russell called the Council to order at 6:01pm.
- Opening Prayer – Pastor Anna Scharbo
- Devotion – Robin Overton offered a devotion based off the Council's reading from *Canoeing the Mountains*. She reminded us of Jesus' command to go make disciples of all nations.

### **Past Stewardship of our Time, Talent, and Treasure (Old Business)**

- The minutes from the January 28, 2018 meeting were revised and approved.
- Jeff Hayes delivered a finance report on the revised budget for 2018 and the Council voted to approve revisions that featured:
  - Revenue reflecting a \$123,000 reduction.
  - Expenses reduced by about \$93,000.

### **Opportunities to Share our Time, Talent, and Treasure (New Business)**

- The Council discussed the content of the first six chapters of *Canoeing the Mountains*, and what it means for MUMC and the environment in which we minister.

- Pastor Jeff St. Clair delivered a Longleaf Church update. The discussion centered around the answers to some frequently asked questions about this initiative. All these questions and answers can be found in the *Longleaf Church Frequently Asked Questions FAQ Sheet*.
- Dan Davis presented amendments to the nominations for 2018.
  - Jerry Reich's position on the Board of Trustees is being filled by Harold Fowler.
  - Henry Burkhard is filling the position of Safety Committee Chair.
  - Connor Wilson and Steve Putnum are joining the Safety Committee as well.
  - Because she is moving away, Michelle Natividad is stepping down from her place on the Endowment Committee, leaving a vacancy.
  - Julianne Tevlin is stepping down from her place on the Recreation Ministries Committee leaving a vacancy.
- Dan Davis presented our plan for The Way Forward. He and Glinda Spickelmire are leading three '*Point of View*' sessions on April 18, 25, and May 2 to engage our congregation how to begin the discussion of human sexuality
- The Council was tasked with reading chapters 7-11 of *Canoeing the Mountains* for the next meeting.
- Pastor Debbie McLeod closed the meeting with a prayer and benediction at 7:49 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Sarah Gilbert, Secretary*