



Church Council

Meeting Date: November 11, 2020
Meeting Time: 6:00 pm
Meeting Place: Kasey Mogel Fellowship Hall

2021 Council Schedule: March

Mandarin United Methodist Mission/Vision

Mandarin United Methodist Church:

Transforming lives by...

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

Attendance:

Oliver Brown	Gabrielle Bellamy	Ashley Williams		
Riley Hayes	Austen Wilson	Rick Thomas		
Mike Overton	Paula Coker-Jones	Rick Smith		
Jim Clark	Michael Maxwell	Dan Davis		
Sandra Clark	Bill Renfro	Becky		
Jan McDowell	Jane Calvarese	Donnie		
Phillip McDowell	Steve Calvarese	Andrea Vrtikapa		
John Hougendobler	Chris Pillay	Mary Norris		
Monteen Pillay	Mary Kay Smith	Bill Hardy		
Shannon Pickles	Tom Smith	Shelley Anderson		
Wayne Crowell	Richard Thompson	Don Carter		
Jeff Hayes	Tanya Thompson	Doug Colbert		
Elaine Goleski	Tommy Walker	Angie		
Jean Ehrlich	Donna Jeanne Brooks			
Gary Spencer	Ron Brooks			
Will Wold	David Ehrlich			
Yvonne Shaw	David Spotswood			

Total 47

Minutes:

- Call to Order – Oliver Brown called the Council to order at 6:04pm.
- Opening Prayer – Pastor Will Wold
- Responsive Reading – Pastor Will Wold lead the council in a responsive reading of Psalms 23

Introduction and Welcome

- Oliver Brown

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

- The minutes from the March 1, 2020 meeting were approved
- **Opportunities to Share our Time, Talent, and Treasure (New Business)**
 - Unstuck- Mike Overton
 - 12 step process to help reinvigorate the church
 - March had 4 teams working through the Unstuck book

- However, leaders needed to focus on Covid at the church, so stopped at lesson 8
- Later, had the mission, vision, and strategy team
- Mission statement- Love God and Neighbor, Build Community - - No Limits (approved and passed)
- The vision statement is more goal like focused (Grow church population by ____ % ect.)
- Lay Leadership- Mike Overton- Nominations (will be voted on by email vote sent out after meeting) (attached)
- Finance- Shannon Pickles (attached)
- Stewardship- Jeff Hayes
- Endowment- Elaine Goleski (She however is joining through online Zoom, so Oliver Brown presented)
- Trustees- John Hougendobler
- Longleaf- Ashley Williams
 - Thousands of viewers each week on online service
 - Online devotions on Mondays and Fridays
 - Facebook helped promote online serves
 - Longleaf mask's proceeds go to Rise Against Hunger
 - Strategic Vision Initiatives:
 - Excellence in worship
 - Growing church community
 - Faith sharing
 - Missional engagement
- Youth and Children Programs Update- Paula Jones-
 - February- Ski Trip and Confirmation
 - Skipped 1 week when Covid hit, but only after that 1 week, Zoom meetings started on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays
 - Netflix movie party on Friday and midweek hangouts
 - Ding-dong ditch for youth not connecting online in Zoom, which inspired many to start coming
 - Before school started we were joined by around 50 youth
 - After school started we were joined by around 25 youth
 - Mission trip (masks, small groups, local)
 - In person, off compass, small groups (40 youth)
 - Youth families offered their backyards
 - Girls small group online whole duration of quarantine
 - Recently added online boys group
 - Whole group meets outdoor on Wednesday and Sunday
 - Focus of mission for youth is now quality over quantity
 - Team Survivor Challenge- adapted for Covid
 - Hanging of the Greens
 - Christmas Eve
 - Pumpkin Patch- best year (sold out twice) and outreached success
- Missions- Gabrielle Bellamy
- UMM- Rick Thomas
 - Cancelled many events because of Covid
 - Met budget
 - 2019 Dan Stanly award goes to Mike Overton (man of the year)
 - Christmas trees are going to happen with half supply of 439 trees

- Charge Conference 2020 (online 11/10/20) update- Oliver Brown
 - Fill the table (3 million meals in the year)
 - Congregational resilience
 - Inclusion initiative (anti-racism, etc.)
 - Covid especially hard on clergy (many reaching out to them for help)
 - For “me” time, so 1,00 dollars for them from conference
- Other Opportunities-
 - McDowell asked for Documents and PowerPoints from the meeting (they are all attached)
- Next meeting is March, 2021
- Pastor Gary Spencer offered a prayer and benediction
 - Praised out church and how it is functioning
 - Complimented us on using our spiritual gifts
- Adjournment- Oliver Brown- 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Riley Hayes, Secretary