

MINUTES
CHAIRES UMC – CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
April 21, 2016

[Agenda was provided to all attendees. Copy attached.]
[Attendance chart is provided at end of minutes.]

1. OPENING DEVOTION AND PRAYER

Marty Holland opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:35 pm.

March council meeting minutes were read Gordon made a motion to accept as read, motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Report: Marty discussed the large number of handouts for reports. He ask that committee chairs submit written reports electronically to Holland.marty@gmail.com when a committee chair is not present. Or you can call Marty at 850-321-1331. Also, please let Tray know we appreciate him recording Sue Austin's talk last week. FYI, new Pastor on board, if we are going to do announcements of this magnitude please advise administrative council members before announcements are made. Discussed timelines of announcements, should have been announced to Council first! Further Reverend Bethany Douty's first date will be July 3rd. Reverend Douty would like to meet us at a reception on June 28th (subject to change), the move in day for her. Prefers "Reverend" in formal setting!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nurture – Maggie Hall – Maggie submitted a written report.

Outreach – Evelyn Brown – Evelyn submitted a written report addressing Rick Davies adding Porch de Salomon and Refuge House to the church website and discussed Lloyd and Melanie Monroe plan for a visit with us at the October 11, 2016 UMM/UMW dinner.

Witness – Kathy Strubble – Pastor Peterson edited the Notes from the Ministry Team Leaders Meeting to correct the April 22nd celebration for Walter and Mary Taylor to a new date, May 1st. See written report for further details on upcoming events. Pastor Peterson also discussed need for people to sign up for the prayer stations on Monday at 11 am, for the Prayer Day on May 5^{rh}.

Staff-Parish Relations – Susan Grantham – Susan gave her report and said she was still doing background checks. Discussed the process. Also looked into moving expenses for the new Pastor. Said District Superintendent said funds are available for the \$2,600 to \$8,600 that it may take to move her. Said average expense is \$5,000.00. Conference says they will pay only from the Florida line. This is a dilemma she will be looking into.

Trustees – Gordon Lightfoot – Gordon did not have much to report other than the Trustees have agreed that Rick Davies assume the Trustee Chairmanship. Motion made by Pastor Peterson and seconded by Don Dampier for Rick Davies to replace Gordon Lightfoot as Chairman of the Trustee Committee. Gordon will continue to serve on the committee.

Finance – Ashley Leggett – February financial reports were distributed. Ashley presented report. A discussion ensued regarding the different accounts and reports that the new Pastor might be interested in, particularly the building fund account. It was suggested Lynn be contacted to advise on the status and history of that account.

Lay Leader – Bob Glover – No report.

PASTORS COMMENTS – Pastor Peterson discussed his retirement and said his last Sunday would be June 12th. Will be looking for a replacement preacher for June 19th and 26th. Discussed the need for an incline ramp at the back door and said the UMM would provide it. Pastor Peterson also advised the Council that Loida Divine will be preaching at homecoming on May 15th.

Don Dampier brought up the need to replace the carpet in the Sanctuary. He brought in samples and said the job would be approximately \$3,768.00. The Council members discussed the need for a second bid and said the Council would table the issue until the next Council meeting.

CLOSING PRAYER

Pastor Bill closed the meeting in prayer at 7:45 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 19, 2016 - 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gordon Lightfoot for Lucia Lightfoot