

**MINUTES**  
**CHAIRES UMC – CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**December 15, 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 in prayer at 6:30 pm.

Marty brought up the subject of the Christmas collection for the staff and pastor. Marty will request the prayer chain to send out an announcement and Paula Davies volunteered to handle the collections.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Nurture – Maggie Hall** – Maggie gave a verbal report and submitted a written report as well.

**Outreach – Evelyn Brown** – Evelyn reported that CUMC has given the Florida United Methodist Children's Home \$705.00 as of November with an additional \$490 given at Christmas in gift cards and cash, for a total of \$1195.00 as of December 16.

**Witness – Kathy Strubble** – Kathy has resigned her position as head of this committee.

**Staff-Parish Relations – Susan Grantham** – Susan will be working on the church and community reports due in January, as well as reviewing the church staff job descriptions. Susan reminded us that background checks are required of any one with exposure to children.

**Trustees – Rick Davies** – Rick reported that the oil tank was filled for the parsonage and that the quarterly water tests have been turned in. No test results have been received yet. Talquin Electric is requiring the electric box located inside the parsonage to be relocation so to allow them access. Talquin will reimburse us half of the cost of moving it, up to \$150.00. Gordon will get in contact with his electrician contact (Tim). Charlie Brown is also a possible contact for the work.

The "in-kind" letter was provided Miller's Tree Service for the taking down the dead tree on the church grounds. Documentation copies of the letter were sent to Rev. Douty, Marty and Rick.

**Finance – Ashley Leggett** – November financial reports were distributed, as well as the 2017 Budget for approval. Motion was made by Gordon to approve the budget as presented.  
Seconded by Susan Grantham  
Motion passed unanimously.

**Lay Leader – Bob Glover** – Bob thanked everyone for their help during his term as lay leader. Dale will be the new lay leader beginning January.

**PASTORS COMMENTS** – Rev. Douty was not in attendance, but Susan presented a report of her maternity leave schedule and summary results of "Committed to Christ".

Dinner is planned for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, January 29.

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Marty closed the meeting in prayer at 7:20 pm.

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 19, 2017 - 6:30 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lucia Lightfoot