

MINUTES
CHAIRES UMC – CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
February 16, 2017

[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.

Chairperson Comments

AV equipment bulb was purchased on line for \$30.00. Marty estimated that the cost of putting TV with hook ups in the back of the church for the choir will run around \$1000. It was suggested that we request donations to fund the purchases needed and Gordon volunteered to draft a flyer to be presented to the congregation on Sunday.

Bobbi Harrison would like to dedicate the donations given in Tallmadge's name to the church to rebuild the ramp on the old sanctuary. Gordon mentioned that he has a design to replace the current ramp and estimates the cost to run less than \$1000 for materials with the church members providing the labor.

The pastor has requested that the meeting night for the council be changed to Monday nights for the next four months. The council saw no problem in making the change.

A special music "Gospel Sing" and dinner is scheduled for 3/17/17 at 6:30. Johnny Petrandis is cooking dinner and the cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for kids. UMW will be providing desserts. Bob Glover requested that we put a notice on the sign by the railroad tracks. Gordon and Lucia volunteered to locate the letters and will get the notice up and Bob will provide the wording. Profit from the event will be given to the UMW.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Outreach – Evelyn Brown – Information was provided about the Good News Music Festival on March 25, 2017 at the Woodville United Methodist Church.

Evelyn also mentioned that socks are needed for the Refuge House bags.

Witness - NA

Staff-Parish Relations – Susan Grantham – Susan mentioned that the office computer is in need of replacement. Paula Winters is retiring her position with the church and will be leaving after Easter. Susan will be meeting with Paula to outline all that she does and the tasks that performs for the church. Paula currently works 10 hours a week. Susan suggested that we may be able to save some money if we can delay the hiring of a new administrative person until summer by divvying up her duties temporarily among church member volunteers.

Trustees – Rick Davies – Rick reported that all EXIT lights have been replaced and are working properly. The fencing project is underway and the materials will be purchased and picked up on 2/20.

Finance –Ashley Leggett – January financials were distributed. January tithes exceed expenses for the month.

Lay Leader – Dale Thompson –

PASTORS COMMENTS –
CLOSING PRAYER

Dale closed the meeting in prayer at 7:50 pm.