

**MINUTES**  
**CHAIRES UMC – CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**January 19, 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 6:32 pm.

**Chairperson Comments**

AV Equipment needs a new bulb. Marty will contact a repair person. Gordon suggested that a quote be requested for securing an additional monitor for the back of the church for the choir to see.

Request to use the church on April 8<sup>th</sup> family reunion is fine with the council.

2017 Church Lock Up schedule was passed around at the meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Nurture – Maggie Hall** – Maggie was not present but submitted a written report.

**Outreach – Evelyn Brown** – Porch de Salomon made a presentation at the UMW meeting and UMW will be making a donation of \$175.00. Evelyn asked if anyone was interested in making a trip to the Youth Ranch to see their progress and how things are going.

Mulder Brown has resigned as the UMM president. No replacement as of yet. Rick Davies is the Treasurer. Mulder is preparing a "Pifau" manual.

**Witness - NA**

**Staff-Parish Relations – Susan Grantham** – SPRC will be meeting on Saturday to complete the church and pastor profile reports that are due by the end of the month.

Paula Winters will be leaving her position as secretary after Easter.

**Trustees – Rick Davies** – There are 4 bad exit signs. Suggestion was made to replace all 8 in the building at a cost of \$20 each for a total of \$160.00. Council approved moving forward with the replacement of all eight.

Don Dampier's trustee position has not been replaced yet as of this meeting.

Don suggested that we contact an electrician to see if LED bulbs could be used in the sanctuary. Gordon will request the electrician that comes to address the Talquin box in the parsonage to look at a possible switch out to LED lights in the sanctuary.

Gordon submitted to the council a schematic and cost for putting up a fence around the parsonage back yard. The cost is estimated at \$800 for materials with the church providing the labor.

**Motion was made by Marty to approve \$1000 for the installation of the fence.**

**Seconded by Susan Grantham**

**Motion passed with one "no" vote.**

Evelyn asked if anyone or who was responsible for changing the letters on the church sign and also asked if there were letters for JC's sign.

**Finance – Ashley Leggett** – December financial reports were distributed. Note was made to move the money made from Pilau recorded in November out of tithes and into the special category on the history report.

**Lay Leader – Dale Thompson** – Dale asked that the council encourage others to come to church during Rev. Douty's absence.

**PASTORS COMMENTS –  
CLOSING PRAYER**

Marty closed the meeting in prayer at 7:35 pm.

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 16 - 6:30 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lucia Lightfoot