

**St. Peter's United Methodist Church**  
**Church Council Meeting**  
**May 25, 2025**

**Present**

Holli Forlines, Tom Gilman, Jen Kahler, Yun Kim, Cecilia Mineiro, Sara Mineiro, Dani Stockwell, Leon Stockwell, Chuck Sullivan, Greg Vig, Phyllis Wiggins, Anna Williams, Mike Williams

**Welcome & Opening Prayer**

Leon welcomed everyone and Greg offered our opening prayer.

**Financial Update**

Mike stated that finances are tracking consistently with last year for both income and expenses. Balance changes have occurred in the Memorial Fund (expenses for the Esther Gilman memorial seating area) and Budget Checking (funds transferred to Budget Savings to earn more interest). Nothing out of the ordinary to report. Discussion shifted to the insurance for the Men's Group trailer. The trailer has been titled to the church. Tom obtained a quote to add the trailer to our insurance policy (\$150 annually). There is still uncertainty regarding the 2 Scout trailers and if they are insured. Chuck will assist in finding out how the trailers are titled and if they are insured. Tom will add the Men's Group trailer to the church's insurance policy.

**Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts Update**

Chuck reported that both the Cub Scouts and Boy Scout Troop are working on their summer plans. The Cub Scouts have an upcoming Raingutter Regatta and camps. The Troop is also preparing for summer camps. The Troop has 3 Eagles Scouts who have completed their Eagle Board of Review: Duke Flanigan, Bradley Osbourne and Thomas Stills.

**Children / Youth Ministry Update**

Jen is gearing up for the Youth Mission Trip this summer. She opted for a local mission trip this summer, camping at Kings Dominion. Missions will be carried out at St. Peter's (proposed mural painting in nursery, stain playground equipment, trim hedges, paint stairwells down to lower level) and in the community (Carolyn Craig, ACES, Ameila County Thrift Shop, Our Lady of Hope). A motion was passed to seek approval from Trustees for the Youth mission projects at church.

**Youth Representative Update**

Cecilia shared that she is excited about a local mission trip. Working closer to home allows them the opportunity to see the impact of their efforts. She and the other Youth are looking forward to it.

**Missions Update**

Sara shared that she and Kendall are hoping to pull together a mission to pack kits for conference as the deadline is around the corner. The Clothes Closet is the next mission project and the Missions committee will be meeting in June to finalize plans. They are considering new ideas such as a backpack drive and stuffed animals drive. Additionally, they are considering moving the date up since school starts earlier. They are contemplating a fundraiser opportunity for this fall. Stay tuned. Sarah said that she is willing to store clothes donations in her garage until the Clothes Closet event as Butch and Mildred are ready for someone else to store the donations. And of course, Raise Against Hunger was a huge success!

**Assistant Treasurer Update**

Holli reported that the Preschool account balance is \$41,362 and all is going smoothly.

### **Pastor's Update**

This is Yun's last Council Meeting with St. Peter's. He continues to connect with our church family by making calls. He also mentioned that the council can request a meeting with Gretchen prior to her coming to St. Peter's. He shared that they are moving out on June 21 and that he and Jenny are more than happy to work with us as we prepare the parsonage.

### **Trustees Update**

Tom said that Linda Shaver asked if Mark Booker could trim/remove a large shrub in the playground that is overgrown. Members agreed for it to be removed. The Trustees conducted an inspection of the parsonage on Thursday. A list of maintenance and repairs was made and divvied up among church members and the Men's Group. Gretchen only wants a few furniture pieces to remain in the parsonage as she has her own furniture. Council members agree that it makes more sense to get rid of the furniture because it is outdated and would be expensive to store in a climate-controlled space. Tom will put it to vote with Trustees. Gretchen also wants the fridge moved to the storage room because she would prefer to use her fridge. Gretchen requested for a vehicle charging station to be installed at the parsonage. Butch has provided an estimate - \$1200. Gretchen has agreed to pay for the charging station. Trustees will vote on the charging station.

### **New Business**

Leon and Anna introduced the idea of reevaluating St. Peter's maintaining a parsonage versus providing a housing allowance. There are expensive repairs on the horizon (new roof, new HVAC, etc) and the parsonage is nearly 50 years old. There was a great deal of discussion. Leon asked Mike to work on evaluating if making the switch makes financial sense.

### **Closing Prayer/Adjournment**

Yun offered our closing prayer.

Upcoming meeting dates: July 13 (Greg), September 14 (Phyllis), November 9 (Brian)

Respectfully submitted,  
Anna Williams