

First United Methodist Church of Orange
Church Council Minutes
Meeting of April 19, 2018

Attendants: John Warren, Carol Allen, Sherri Fruge', Chris Abshire, David Bridges, Gary Bonneaux, Barbara Dardeau, Suzanne Magee, Ginger Williams.

Absent: Theresa Beauchamp, Greg Defrates, Tom Henry, Betty Merchant.

John Warren began the meeting at 6:02 p.m. with a prayer and Carol Allen opened the meeting with a devotional.

Chris Abshire presented the financial report and stated that pledges, non-pledge and Church plate contributions are on target for the year. Discussions were held that the receipts for the Malloy center are increased in the month of April. David Bridges made a motion that the preventative maintenance costs for the elevator (estimated to be \$4,000 to \$5,000 per year) be paid from the Trustee Funds. The motion was seconded by Chris Abshire and approved unanimously. Chris Abshire continued by mentioning that we have money budgeted from fundraisers and we should begin work on the source of these funds. Discussions were held for types of events including a bicycle run and proceeds from manning a fireworks booth. Discussions were also held about a potential decrease in telephone expenses by approaching our current provider, AT&T, for a decrease and consideration of Spectrum as a provider.

The Council reviewed scholarships for graduating seniors and the four individuals that had applied. David Bridges informed the Council that the funds would go directly to the school as opposed to the individual. Discussions were held that it would be appropriate to award one individual, Kaylin Abshire, additional funds due to the time that she has devoted to participating in the Praise Band over recent years. A motion was made by David Bridges and seconded by Gary Bonneaux, to award Kaylin Abshire a \$4,000 scholarship and Trent Brown, Ravin Wedgeworth & McCartney Miller \$2,000 each for a total of \$10,000. Chris Abshire abstained from the vote and the remaining Council members approved.

John Warren updated the Council on the summer mission project and mentioned that a planning meeting was held and ten individuals were in attendance. An update of the program was distributed to the members for additional information.

John Warren mentioned that the Town Hall meeting was moved from April 29th to May 6th to coincide with the upcoming visit by the VCI Coach, Marilyn Wadkins, and to celebrate our successes with the VCI program. John also mentioned that a workshop would be led by Marilyn for leaders of the Church and is scheduled for Saturday, May 5th. John encouraged the Council members that could attend to be there.

The Council next met in closed session for SPR matters.
The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m.