

First United Methodist Church Orange
One Board Church Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 12, 2019

Carol Allen called the meeting to order at 6:07 P.M.

Sherri Fruge' led a devotion taken from the book Jesus Calling. Sherri brought a timely message that Christ will find you when you seek Him. Open your eyes and you will see Him.

Carol Allen opened the meeting with prayer.

Members present were: Betty Merchant , Trisha Anderson , Brown Claybar, Jerry Pennington, Greg Defrates, Carol Allen, Betty James, Lani Rousseau, Sherri Fruge' and Suzanne Magee.

Members absent were: Tom Henry, Theresa Beauchamp and Gary Bonneaux.

Old Business

The November Board meeting minutes will be formally approved at the January Meeting.

Annual Budget/Finance

The Board was presented the Annual Budget. Sherri Fruge' presented the Financial Report. She recommended to continue to roll over the year's excess . The last two years have ended in the negative but December is usually a pickup month from generous Christmas gifts. Attendance was down this past week but the offering was up. November bore many expenses. There have been some cancellations for the Malloy Center this year. We are down \$90,000 for the year. A letter will go out this week from Pastor Lani about the offering. Brown Claybar made a motion to accept the Annual budget, the monthly Financial report and Sherri's recommendations. Jerry Pennington seconded. The Board unanimously approved.

Computers for Music Minister and Pastor

Sherri Fruge' made a motion for the Board to approve the purchase of computers for the Music Minister and the Pastor. Brown Claybar seconded. The Board unanimously approved. .

New Business

Board:

Carol Allen is rotating off the Board this year. We will miss her sweet, joyful spirit. She will continue to pray for us and will be there when Pastor Lani calls. Greg Defrates will take the lead as Chair.

Open House at the Parsonage

The Rousseau's will open their home to the church for a Christmas celebration on January 5th.

Rainbow Room:

Ginger Williams requested the Church sponsor Rainbow Room case worker for \$250 per year. This mission would give a CPS worker emergency funds for diapers, formula, etc. Sherri Fruge' made a motion and Betty James seconded. This item passed by unanimous vote of the Board.

Trustees Report:

Brown Claybar reported to the Board that the parsonage has now received a new roof, dirt for the lawn (it still needs 3 to 4 loads), a new fence, 4 pallets of grass and an old shed was removed. Having a nice parsonage is certainly an asset and shows how much we appreciate our Pastor. Future plans are to remove old carpet and replace it with hardwood floors.

Sanctuary Renovation

Enthusiasm is building for the sanctuary renovation project. A long range goal is to return the Family Life Center back to its original purpose of serving our youth and special events. A request for proposal is needed to procure the services of someone to study the physical structure and worship needs of our congregation in the Sanctuary. The alter area needs a lot of work. This improvement will impact growth. We want to utilize our facilities to the fullest to the glory of God. We will consider maintenance needs, the programming needs of both Traditional and Contemporary services, the historical significance and aesthetics of the Sanctuary. A report detailing recommendations, drawings and cost estimates to implement any Sanctuary changes is needed. Jerry Pennington mad a motion to move forward with this project. Greg Defrates seconded. The Board unanimously approved.

We are excited about the future of our church!

SPR

SPR met in private session.

Pastor Lani closed the meeting with prayer at 7:05 P.M.