

First United Methodist Church Orange
One Board Church Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 23, 2020

Devotion/Opening

Greg Defrates brought the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with prayer and then he led a devotion about Teamwork. Teams reach goals through mutual work with humility looking at the interest of others and considering others better than one's self. Isolation is ineffective. Value what God has given others. We are a blend of gift and personality.

Greg Defrates asked for those interested in bringing a devotional to the Board please sign up.

Members present

Sandra Hoke, Greg Defrates (Chair), Betty Merchant , Trisha Anderson (Comm), David Bridges, Betty James, Pastor Lani Rousseau, Theresa Beauchamp (SPR), and Suzanne Magee (Sec).

Members absent

Tom Henry (Finance), Brown Claybar (Chair Trustees), and Jerry Pennington.

Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

The Board meeting minutes of November and December were formally approved.

Financial Report

David Bridges gave a brief budget summary. Last year's income was \$30,000 higher than 2019. If we bring in the same as last year we will have a shortfall this year. David said he will get with Norma to further study the budget and hopes to have an amended budget for us in February. We are very excited about the future of our church and the direction we are taking.

Trustees' Report

Sanctuary Renovation Project

Brown Claybar sent out the Request for Bids letter. A team will be established to determine needs of the Traditional and Contemporary Services. Caroline Armstrong would be one of those on that team. Brown will update this project in February.

Senior Pastor Report

Pastor Lani reported that she met with The Program Team to calendar events for 2020. The plan includes: Every 5th Sunday there will be no Sunday School and we will have one service at 10 am to allow for special Church-wide events. There will be food and fellowship! One example of this will be the presentation of the Cantata March 29th which will be followed by a light lunch and a church workday. May 31st will be a covered dish and Town Hall meeting for the Church. August 30th will be the blessing of the backpacks and an All American indoor "picnic". November 29th is the first Sunday of Advent and the hanging of the greens. Other planned events are December 13th Christmas Cantata and traveling candlelight, Christmas Eve service at 6 P.M. Pastor Lani will continue with "Lessons in Carols" to celebrate the season. Jeff Fruge' and Chris Abshire will make a list of small projects needed around the church. March 22nd is adopt a street. We will have Meeks Drive with Randall heading that project. February 22nd is Trash Off. There are lots of things already in the making for 2020! A new children's ministry will begin in February. The Goleman's will be doing WNL "B.L.A.S.T.". Kids @ 1st will be from 5 P.M. until 7 P.M. Pastor Lani and Don will host an open house on January 4, 2021. One idea is to have a dinner theatre September/Octoberish with proceeds to benefit the Church. There will be an auction. "Unity and Teamwork" is the theme of 2020.

Old Business

LED Lighting

Chris Abshire and Jeff Fruge walked the entire campus and will change out fixtures and lights which will arrive in February. The church should see a 25% reduction in utility costs.

Chamber of Commerce - Orange

We will be getting an Orange from the Chamber. We will need to form a base to hold it in place. We will paint the bottom of the Orange before it is set in place. Pastor Lani will check to see when it is arriving.

New Business

Security Plan/Training

We need a security plan and training. There was discussion that we need to evaluate the building. We will plot a plan together and update in February. Greg Defrates will work on this Security Force project.

Annual Agenda

Greg will get out an annual agenda.

SPR

SPR met in private session.

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