

First United Methodist Church of Orange
Church Council Minutes
Meeting of May 9, 2019

Attendants: John Warren, Carol Allen, Sherri Fruge', Trisha Anderson, Brown Claybar, Greg Defrates, Tom Henry, Betty James, Jerry Pennington. Absent: Theresa Beauchamp, Gary Bonneaux, Betty Merchant, Suzanne Magee.

Carol Allen called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. and John Warren began the meeting with a prayer.

Sherri Fruge' presented the financial report and reviewed the financial summary distributed to the Council. She mentioned that the month of April was significantly improved over March. It was also noted that although pledge and nonpledge income is down, expenses to date are also lower. The net income and expenses are approximately even for the four months ended in April.

The financial discussions continued and Mrs. Fruge' presented a copy of a proposal to consolidate the general fund balances. It was noted that this matter had been discussed in the February meeting and was also recommended as "best practice" by the financial consultant used by the Church. A motion was made by Sherri Fruge' and seconded by Trisha Anderson to consolidate the numerous general fund balances into six separate funds which include General Fund, Buildings & Grounds, Youth, Education & Worship, Missions and Worship. Discussions were held regarding the use of certain funds to better understand their source and the destination fund in the consolidation. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

Tom Henry brought the council up to date on the status of the small van and mentioned that it was currently operational. Discussions were held regarding the sale of the van that was voted by Council in the fall of 2018. The Council agreed that it would be best to sell the Van to a wholesale dealer and Brown Claybar agreed to contact a local wholesaler.

The next discussions were related to providing funds to the lay delegate for the annual convention to be held in downtown Houston in May. A motion was made by Tom Henry and seconded by Greg Defrates to provide \$750 for hotel and travel expenses to the lay delegate representing the Church. The vote was approved by unanimous consent.

Brown Claybar presented an update on improvements to the parsonage in preparation of the arrival of the new Pastor. Discussions were held on the work that was needed and the Council agreed that a work day could be held for Church members to assist with pressure washing and other services in June. Discussions were also held relating to the services that may need to be provided by contractors such as painting.

The Council next met in closed session for SPR matters.

Jerry Pennington presented the final matter for discussion and indicated that he had reviewed the Emmaus contract and recommended its approval which includes an increase in the rent that was implemented in 2018. Upon a motion by Jerry Pennington and second by Sherri Fruge', it was unanimously approved to authorize the execution of the new contract with Emmaus.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m.