

First United Methodist Church of Orange
Church Council Minutes
Meeting of June 28, 2018

Attendants: John Warren, Carol Allen, Sherri Fruge', Chris Abshire, Gary Bonneaux, David Bridges, Greg Defrates, Suzanne Magee, Betty Merchant, Ginger Williams.

Absent: Theresa Beauchamp, Barbara Dardeau, Tom Henry

Carol Allen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and John Warren began the meeting with a prayer and a devotional.

Chris Abshire presented the financial report and stated that pledge and non-pledge contributions were above the budget at the end of May. Expense areas that are exceeding budget are communication, office supplies and yard. It was also noted that electricity and water were close and should be reviewed since we have not yet entered the months with higher costs per month. John Warren mentioned that he would verify that the pilot light for the boiler is turned off. Discussions were also held regarding the costs of operating the Malloy Center and John Warren mentioned that we are close to obtaining a contract with the Catholic Church for their Acts Retreats. David Bridges mentioned that the attic needed to be reinsulated which would reduce utility costs.

Discussions were held for a fund raiser and a motion was made by Ginger Williams, seconded by Betty Merchant and unanimously approved to have a community wide auction to include sales of sweets and food on the second Saturday in November.

The next item on the agenda was to review the status of the sanctuary renovations and Greg Defrates mentioned that we have one more open spot on the team to fill and the first meeting would be held in August. It was agreed to have the original Architect review the plans. David Bridges agreed to assist on the committee.

John Warren updated the Council on the Summer Food program and mentioned that 40-43 children were being served. He noted that the program has been serviced by volunteers from our Church as we have not been able to utilize mission groups that have been at the Malloy Center. Discussions were held and it was noted that the program has been very well received and the primary need is for delivery drivers for the program which will continue for the next several weeks.

Security was discussed and the Council was updated on an incident which occurred in the Malloy Center during the last Chrysalis Walk which is for teens. The matter was discussed and John Warren noted that he attended the recent board meeting of Emmaus and the events would be much more structured in the future and leaders would be trained on how to handle discipline problems. Greg Defrates mentioned that we should review insurance coverage and what protections we have. It also noted that the contract should be reviewed for indemnification language. David Bridges agreed to review the

insurance. Susan Magee indicated that greeters should be trained on how to address security issues and the Council agreed to schedule a security presentation for greeters and other leaders in the Church by a local authority.

Ginger Williams mentioned that we need a person to head up Missions for the Church and it was agreed that this matter would be addressed.

The Council next met in closed session for SPR matters.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.