

First United Methodist Church of Orange
Church Council Minutes
Meeting of September 13, 2018

Attendants: John Warren, Carol Allen, Sherri Fruge', Chris Abshire, Gary Bonneaux, David Bridges, Barbara Dardeau, Tom Henry, Suzanne Magee, Betty Merchant, Ginger Williams. Absent: Theresa Beauchamp, Greg Defrates,

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 mentioned that pledge income is on target and non-pledge and plate income is at 100% of budget. Total income is at 80% of the budget for the year as compared to 67% based upon an allocation of the budget for eight months into the year. It was also noted that church maintenance is high and will be investigated to determine the source. Chris Abshire mentioned that the fourth page of the income statement is not available which presents the net income or loss for the month. John Warren mentioned that the Malloy Center is reserved for three ACTS retreats for 2019.

David Bridges presented an update by the Trustees committee and stated that the Fire monitoring system will be repaired for approximately \$22,000. Discussions were also held regarding a quote for insulation for the Malloy Center that has come in around \$20,000 and a second quote will be obtained. The Council agreed that the reduced utilities and the reduction in condensation would warrant the expense. Other issues were discussed including the lawn maintenance and lack of air conditioning in the education building.

Ginger Williams presented an update of the fall fundraiser and mentioned that the new date is Saturday, October 13th. She indicated that tickets are available for sale for the brisket dinner and silent and live auction for \$10 each. Discussions were held regarding various opportunities to volunteer.

An update of the sanctuary renovations was held and the Council agreed that Greg Defrates should be approached for the best path to move forward with this project.

Other areas of discussion were held and one was related to the schedule of the Traditional service and it was noted that the service would move back to the Sanctuary in mid-November to remain there through Easter. John Warren mentioned that more shepherds were needed for the Malloy Center and it was agreed that a request be made in the services for assistance for specific dates. David Bridges updated the Council that he had reviewed the contracts for the Malloy Center and down payments are required 45 days in advance of the reservation and full payment is required at the time of the rental. He also noted that the Emmaus contract ends in November. Discussions were held regarding updates to the general calendar for reservations of the facilities due to an error noted in the November calendar.

The Council discussed the maintenance requirements of both vans and the Council agreed that two vans were not required. A motion was made by David Bridges, second by Chris Abshire and unanimous approval to sell the small van. It was also agreed that a charger would be purchased to use on the large van to maintain the life of the battery.

The Council next met in closed session for SPR matters.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.