

First United Methodist Church of Orange
Church Council Minutes
Meeting of October 11, 2018

Attendants: John Warren, Sherri Fruge', Barbara Dardeau, Tom Henry, Ginger Williams.

Absent: Carol Allen, Chris Abshire, Theresa Beauchamp, Gary Bonneaux, David Bridges, Greg Defrates, Suzanne Magee, Betty Merchant.

The meeting started at 6:10 p.m. without a quorum and it was noted that many members were out due to work conflicts and personal matters. John Warren began the meeting with a prayer and a devotional.

John Warren updated the Council on various openings that the Nominations Committee is looking to fill. Several Council members have terms that are ending this year and the open positions are being filled. The Programming Committee will be developing booths to reflect the various areas available for service in order for members to learn more and sign up to assist. This will begin in the month of November.

John Warren spoke of the new Pastor evaluation form that will be used for the report to be completed by the SPR leads and Council members. John stated that this new process involves John preparing a self-evaluation to be provided to the SPR and Council for review and comments. The evaluation is due to the district by November 15th. Discussions were also held about this being John's last year with FUMC Orange and the process that may be used by the Conference in order to fill the position.

The Stewardship Campaign was discussed next and John Warren stated that a stewardship video will be shown in the services on November 4th and speakers will be used for November 11th and 18th.

Discussions were held of the upcoming Fall Festival and John Warren informed the Council that members of the Emmaus community from mid-Jefferson County have graciously contributed the meat. Billy Joe's Bar-B-Q in Port Neches will be preparing and slicing the brisket. John also mentioned that over 150 tickets have been sold for the brisket dinners, many people have signed up to donate sweets and plants and great items have been donated for the silent and live auctions.

Tom Henry presented the finance report and indicated that revenue continues to exceed the budget and represents 77% of the total budget for the year as compared to a 75% budget expectation. Tom reviewed the various fund balances and it was discussed that the Council should review the change in the funds during the year as part of the financial results. A summary of the YTD operating results was also reviewed which compared the major line items against the 9 month budget and the same time last year. This summary also included a projection through the end of the year using the fourth quarter results from last year and an average quarterly balance from 2018 and both projections reflected a positive balance at the end of the year.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

