

First United Methodist Church of Orange
Church Council Minutes
Meeting of November 8, 2018

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

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

Brown Claybar spoke to the Council about the history of some of the foundation funding and how they have been managed through the years. He spoke in particular about the Slade Foundation funds and the Annie Sells funds. Discussions were held about the process for scholarships that are offered to college students and prospective students that are members of the church. Mr. Claybar provided the Council with new requirements for the scholarships associated with the Annie Sells funds. The Council agreed to review how the funds are considered in the financial statements of the church and the process for scholarships and applications for the Annie Sells funds.

Tom Henry presented the financial report and mentioned that income is at 92% of budget as compared to an expected 84% based on the calendar year. Mr. Henry also indicated that total operating expenses are also on track with budget expectations at 84% of budget for the year. It was noted that the month of October was a strong month. The success of the Fall Festival was discussed and John Warren mentioned that income was \$11,530. David Bridges pointed out that December is typically a strong month, as well.

David Bridges presented an update by the Trustees committee and stated that AC repairs have been completed. Total Trustee funds were discussed and Mr. Bridges indicated that it is important to maintain a strong funds balance to allow for large, unexpected building maintenance requirements.

John Warren provided the Council with an appraisal form to complete relating to his performance as Senior Pastor. This is required to be presented back to the district by November 15th. Barbara Dardeau indicated that she would assist with consolidating comments of the Council members and they comments could be provided by email. Discussions were also held regarding the process to consider a new Senior Pastor for next year and John Warren indicated that the District Superintendent would be leading this process and is expected to obtain input from the Council. It was discussed that Council members should be available to members of the congregation for their input, as well.

John Warren updated the Council on the status of the Council members for the upcoming year. It was noted that new Council members are Trisha Anderson, Brown Claybar, Jerry Pennington and Betty James. Council members leaving are David Bridges, Chris Abshire, Ginger Williams and Barbara Dardeau.

The Council next met in closed session for SPR matters.

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