

First United Methodist Church -Orange, Texas
Meeting of Church Council
February 19, 2017

Attendants: John Warren, Jim Armstrong, Sherri Fruge', Greg Defrates, Janice Gresham, Ginger Williams, Jonathan Vogt, Gary Bonneaux, Barbara Dardeau, Betty Merchant; Members Absent: Chris Abshire, Carol Allen, David Bridges; Visitor Present – Jeffrey Fruge.

The meeting was called to order by Jim Armstrong, Chairman, at approximately 12:05 p.m. and a prayer was led by John Warren.

The agenda for the meeting was to review sign proposals and Jeffrey Fruge, a member of the VCI Hospitality Task Team, reviewed the proposals with the council. It was also noted that Betty Merchant, Council Member present at the meeting, is also a member of the VCI Hospitality Task Team.

Mr. Fruge' provided a general update of the process that was followed by the Hospitality Task Team to obtain proposals for internal and external signs for the Church. He indicated that the suppliers were requested to provide separate proposals for the different areas (internal, external, etc.) to allow decisions to be made on projects to move forward with. Mr. Fruge mentioned that out of three suppliers that were approached for bids, two suppliers provided quotes, Fast Signs and Service Graphics. Discussions were held and the proposals were reviewed in detail by the group to include funding sources for the signs which include apportionment rebates and other designated funds for buildings and grounds. The Council discussed operating finance constraints and Greg Defrates informed the group that the cost of the signs would qualify for use of designated funds that are not available for operating expenses. Jonathan Vogt also mentioned possible utilization of funds for billboard signs in the community.

A motion was made by Jim Armstrong and a second by Betty Merchant to 1) approve the use of Fast Signs as the supplier, 2) have Fast Signs confirm precisely what we are getting for the price and the timing of installation, and 3) proceed with all of the proposed recommendations by Fast Signs for internal and external signs with a review by the respective finance trustees for the financing requirements. The motion carried with one opposed, Jonathan Vogt.

Further discussions were held on the timing to have Fast Signs review specifics of the proposals to include representative proto types.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:05 p.m.