

First United Methodist Church Orange

One Board Church Council Meeting Minutes

Church Admin Hall 6 P.M.

October 10, 2019

Members in attendance were: Lani Rousseau, Betty James, Brown Claybar, Trisha Anderson, Greg Defrates, Carol Allen, Betty Merchant, Jerry Pennington, Sherri Fruge' and Suzanne Magee.

Members absent were: Gary Bonneaux, Tom Henry and Theresa Beauchamp.

Betty Merchant presented a devotional "Unusual Kindness" from the Upper Room.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Financial Report - Sherry Fruge' presented a year to date analysis. She reported there was an increase in expenses. There are a couple line items she will look at and discuss them with Norma. The church's complex is a big place and it takes a lot to maintain it.

Carol said we need to keep praying and not lose the momentum we gained from the Vibrant Church Initiative. We have seen an increase in enthusiasm with Caroline Armstrong's joining the staff. People are enjoying what is going on.

Lani offered suggestions of how we as a church can become more active in the community. There are opportunities such as a Christmas float in the parade, Lamar University, bumper stickers to communicate we are still active downtown or even t-shirts. We had 7 visitors. There is an app that allows visitors to sign in on their phones. We would be able to connect with them through email.

The Board will meet November 7th to prepare for the Charge Conference on November 10th.

Trustees' Report - Income has been good for the Trustees. Next year we will bid out the insurance. Jeff is working on the parsonage. Dale Dardeau will handle the parsonage roof

project. The Malloy needs a dryer. Jeff will work on the men's restroom. We are very fortunate to have wonderful help.

SPR met in closed session.

Carol closed the meeting at 7:10 P.M. with a prayer.