

First United Methodist Church Orange

One Board Church Council Meeting Minutes

Church Admin Hall 6 P.M.

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Carol Allen called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. She then opened with prayer and a devotional about staying connected to our source, Jesus. He is the vine and we are the branches. When we are disconnected from our source of life we die and we are called to live and produce much fruit.

Members in attendance were: Lani Rousseau, Tom Henry, Brown Claybar, Trisha Anderson, Greg Defrates, Carol Allen, Betty James, Betty Merchant and Suzanne Magee.

Members absent were: Sherri Fruge', Theresa Beauchamp, Gary Bonneaux and Jerry Pennington.

Old Business

Brown announced that we were very excited to have Lani with us! A lot of work was done on the parsonage in 2 1/2 weeks and it was completed in time for her to move in.

He also reported the church van was sold to Granger 's for \$3,000.

The cooler/chiller system is very old and breaks down frequently. We will discuss this further at our next meeting. This is a huge expense and a decision needs to be made. Many problems are caused from lightning striking a weak transformer that is Entergy's responsibility. When lightning strikes it blows up the whole system except the chapel.

Greg will bring the Sanctuary Committee back together in August and will report to the board. Members on that committee are Jim Brown, David Bridges and Jonathan Vought.

New Business

Carol suggested that board members take turns bringing the devotional for the Board meetings. Each person would only do it once a year. Greg offered to bring the devotional in August, Brown in September, Suzanne in October, Betty Merchant has November, Betty

James has December and Tom agreed to January. At the January meeting the rest of the Board will choose their month.

When a question arose about which members were rotating off this year, Greg explained that members have 3 year terms with the option of serving 3 more years.

Brown Claybar gave the Trustees Report. The parsonage mahogany door needs to be refinished. He has someone in mind that could do it. He and several members agreed that regular maintenance on the parsonage and church buildings should be done. There are funds available for that purpose. Brown emphasized, "We should have a bias toward action!" The bidding process slows things down and projects never get done. He recommended we create a list of acceptable vendors that could be contacted quickly to keep our facilities well maintained and bypass the bidding process. Lani said the bidding process is suggested as a good business practice and not mandatory. In the past, we had members step up to the plate to volunteer to do some of the work, but recently that has been lacking. Lani said Norma called Harry's Appliance to come fix her refrigerator this week and she was very pleased with the work they did. There are many lights out in the education center and the Administration hall where we were sitting. These need to be replaced with LED's. Lani will get Scott on that.

The financial report was given by Tom Henry. He reported that June income was low but so were expenses. It was agreed that the communication to encourage members to not forget their pledges during the summer months made an impact. Sunday's offering and attendance was above the norm. Again this month, Norma was praised for doing an outstanding job of managing many things. The market accounts improved. Investments had a gain.

Lani's salary was discussed and with a unanimous vote was signed by Greg and Tom.

SPR met in closed session.

Carol closed the meeting at 7:20 P.M. with a prayer.