

First United Methodist Church Orange

Minutes for the Special Called One Board Church Council Meeting

Church Admin Hall 4 P.M.

Sunday, March 17, 2019

Meeting was called to order by Carol Allen at 4:00 P.M.

Two special guests were in attendance: The Reverend Lani Rousseau and our District Superintendent, Allicia Besser.

All members were present: Carol Allen, Greg Defrates, Sherri Fruge', Gary Bonneaux, Jerry Pennington, Theresa Bauchamp, Brown Claybar, Betty Merchant, Pastor John Warren, Trisha Anderson, Betty James, Tom Henry and Suzanne Magee.

Allicia Besser opened the meeting by joyfully introducing our new pastor, the Reverend Lani Rousseau. She was warmly welcomed by all. Her first day will officially be July 1, 2019. She will move into the parsonage the week before. Pastor John Warren's last Sunday with us will be June 2nd. He and Sandra have blessed us with 8 years of loving service. Under his leadership and guidance through the Vibrant Church Initiative process our church has made much progress. John will arrange for preachers to fill the pulpit on the weeks we are between pastors.

Lani expressed her desire to get to know us. So we each introduced ourselves and stated how we serve the church. She shared about herself and the possibilities she sees our church has within the Orange area.

Ideas mentioned were: Build a strong relationship with Lamar College, fully utilize the Malloy Center (we have just signed a 5 year contract with Emmaus), have events in the community such as a Trivia night at the restaurant on the Boardwalk, consider who the community says we are, maybe form a baseball city league or have extravaganzas near the church (like at the park) so people will know about the church.

The meeting was adjourned.