



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OVIEDO

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

October 26, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall & ZOOM

Call to Order:

Chairman, David Evans, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. This meeting of the Executive Council was held both in the Fellowship Hall using social distancing, and also available on ZOOM for those members who preferred to participate via their computer or other device. A copy of the "Attendance Sheet" for this meeting is attached to these minutes for the file. Registered were 14 members. A copy of the "Agenda" is attached for the file.

I. Opening Prayer: Prayer by Senior Pastor, Brian James

Devotion: David Evans"

"The Three Things You Should Know About Christian Work Ethics". James 4 & John 10:10

1. Christians work in security, not in scarcity
2. Christians work ethically
3. Christians work to be a blessing

II. Business:

A. Approval of Minutes, August 2020

Motion by Brian Boyington: To accept the minutes of the August 24, 2020, meeting of the Administrative Council as written. Seconded by Richard Jerman. Vote called. All in favor.

B. Business Area Reports

1. Finance Committee/Treasurer – Richard Jerman/Kevin Kranz

Two written reports on the financial condition of the church as of September 30, 2020, were prepared by Treasurer, Kevin Kranz, and reviewed with the group by Finance Committee Chairman, Richard Jerman. The reports state that for the month of September, the church received total revenues of \$62,264.03, against total expenses of \$79,302.17 for the month for a net loss of \$17,038.14. Year to date income is \$726,884.01 with expenses at \$839,911.84, for a loss of \$113,027.83.

On September 30, 2020, the church had a total of \$1,219,774.91 available in cash on hand in the church's combined checking and savings accounts at Citizens Bank of Florida. Net balance of the 'Under One Campaign' was \$222,028.50.

Richard shared a few facts on how the current pandemic is affecting the finances of other churches. Our income is down about 20% which is lower than the average researched. The United Methodist Foundation has granted permission to pay interest only on our mortgage payments. (Also copied for the files are a report on FUMCO Giving for 2020 by week, the Under One Campaign totals by month and the Analysis of Revenues & Expenses for January to September.)

2. SPRC – Kalindi Fitch, No report

3. Trustees – Brian Boyington

The only activity from the Trustees is that we met by phone and voted to approve funds for tree pruning over the Talbot House, and the Lee Chapel. Work on the Talbot house is completed. The Lee Chapel work will start after the Pumpkin Patch is finished.

4. Lay Leaders – Frankie Godwin & Marc Ayala, No report

5. UMW – Amanda Ayala

UMW is planning a blended Women's Night of Fellowship on November 10th. Attendance will be in person, via Zoom, or members can watch the recording at a later time. We will not have a dinner but will have physically distanced fellowship and installation of our 2021 officers. Angela Relyea will be the new President. All of our circles are still staying in touch with their members via meetings in person, online, or via phone calls. The Breakfast with Santa event will not be held this year, but we will collect donated items and gift cards for a couple of different charities to distribute in December.

6. UMM – Bill Dickson, No report

7. Children & Families – Kathryn Halterman

Pastor Brian reported that a nursery for age 3 and under will start this coming Sunday. An in-person Sunday School will begin this Sunday. New Saturday evening activity for families will involve lessons around the table.

8. Children's Council – Jessica Poulin, No report

9. Youth Council – Carl Cline, No report

10. Administration & Staff – Charlene Davis

Current membership is 1403. There have been two deaths and several families have moved. The annual Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, November 8, 4:00 p.m. with Bob Bushong, Presiding Elder. Charlene provided the list of names for the First Reading and the Second Reading at the meeting. (lists attached for the file) A New Members Class will begin on November 8 with four families signed up at this time.

11. Discipleship Ministry – Jim Boesch

Monthly Progress Report of Discipleship Ministry to Goals 4th Quarter 2020 (10.13.20)

First Church Oviedo Discipleship Ministry Purpose/Mission statement:

“To support and/or create environments and resources for all of our 1st Church Oviedo members and community to fulfill God's calling on their lives to become disciples of Jesus Christ through their Fellowship, Learning, Outreach and Worship.”

1. Seeking church members who feel their calling is in influencing areas of F.L.O.W. through Discipleship Ministries. We are currently staffing 8 visionary leader roles with 2 each for Fellowship, Learning, Outreach and Worship. Would like to have at least 1 representative from each of the Children/Family, Youth, UMW, UMM and Missions Ministries. We are targeting an October 29, 2020 Initial Strategy Planning Session for 2021.

2. Spiritual Birthday Initiative: We will be seeking to obtain the spiritual birthday dates of the current leaders of First Church by November 1st in order to promote an awareness and celebration of this special

day as a means of focusing more on our shared faith journeys. We will be asking all current staff and church laity leaders of committees, ministries, and missions to lead the way by participating in creating this data base.

3. 1st of a series of evaluative electronic survey questions was sent this week to current small group/Sunday School members to gauge their future interests and current state opinions and suggestions on support of their discipleship growth through participation in their small groups.
4. By November 1st we will send out an electronic Facilitator Check Up set of questions to all leaders of currently active small groups and Sunday School classes regarding current status and future desires and direction of their groups.
5. Building new and resuming small group classes for Fall where we can find facilitators:
 - a. Erin Campbell re Single Parents Class
 - b. Boesch/Wottring Network Servant Profile Discovery Course for 3 weeks late October
 - c. Seeking facilitators for possible Parent small groups corresponding to on campus Children and Youth Ministry sessions?
6. In November we will be designing an electronic survey to send to all church attendees and members of all ages inquiring as to their perceived levels of spiritual involvement and growth.
7. In early 2021, design a means of effectively evaluating current state of church discipleship ministry, spiritual hopes and concerns, and plans for future discipling work for ministering to all members of our First Church community.
Lead Influencers for 2021:
Fellowship: Learning: Outreach: Worship:

12. Boy Scouts – Dick Hood

Dick provided a graphic showing the number of scouts (25) and leaders (11) for Troop 608 and for cub scouts (30) and leaders (15) for Pack 608 for 2020/2021. He thanked the church for support for the Boy Scouts and asked for continued support for the next year. (graphic copied for the file)

Motion by Dick Hood: To approve the re-charter and renew the sponsorships of Boy Scouts 608 and Cub Scouts 608 with FUMCO for the next year. Seconded by Brian Boyington. Vote called. All in favor.

III. Pastors Reports

1. Pastor of Mission Engagement & Contemporary Worship – Patina Ripkey

a. STUDIO

The studio is making great progress. It has been framed. The electrical work has been completed. The next step is flooring, then walls, then decorating. Damien had an accident and broke his arm so there has been some delays. However, Frank Wales has been assisting with Carl Cline.

b. NEW MISSION ENDEAVOR

SAFE Central Florida. An alliance that is focused on fighting human trafficking in the Orlando area. I interviewed Greg Snyder, founder of the organization a few weeks ago.

Webinar on November 17th at 4:30 pm. all interested are invited to participate.

2. Senior Pastor – Brian James

a. DISCIPLESHIP

- *Class offered each week, “A Life That FLOWS” (Learning in a way that Follows Jesus)
- *Wednesday Service of Prayer and Healing (12:15) Physical and Virtual
- *(Other Discipleship – Jim Boesch)
 - Jim Boesch – Spiritual Gifts
 - Marc Ayala – Men’s Group (Brews)

b. UPCOMING

- *ZOOM New Member Class – November 8
- *Charge Conference – November 8
- *Confirmation
 - Single Week (Nov. 8-14)
 - Core Curriculum matching Church & Youth Ministry Mission

c. WORSHIP

- *November Series: Gratitude (Old Testament Stories)
- *ADVENT/CHRISTMAS EVE
 - Series: ONE
 - Christmas Eve: 6:00 p.m. Single Service on Lawn + live stream
- *New Year: Series on Ephesians

d. MISC. ISSUES

- *Financial Fluctuations
 - Letter of Encouragement w/ Statement
 - Modified Snail Mail Newsletter
 - Mini-Gratitude Campaign 3 Weeks of November
 - Phone tree

IV. Announcement of Upcoming Meeting:

The annual Charge Conference meeting will take place on Sunday, November 8, 4:00 p.m. There will be no November Administrative Council meeting. If a meeting is needed to conduct church business in December, you will be notified.

VII. Closing Prayer

Chairman Evans offered a closing prayer.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Lange
Recording Secretary
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