



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OVIEDO

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

January 25, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall & Zoom

Call to Order:

Chairman, David Evans, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A copy of the “Attendance Sheet” for this meeting is attached to these minutes for the file. Registered were 15 members for combined in-person and via Zoom. A copy of the “Agenda” is attached for the file.

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

Invitation to Glory & God Sightings:

- Charlene Davis is well and back to work.
- Jim Boesch was thankful to be involved with the confirmands last teaching session. He discussed spiritual gifts and young Noah Hedlund prayed a remarkable prayer, “this is the beginning of our road” and “pray us in”.
- Frankie Godwin – great confirmand program and beautiful service
- David Evans is thankful for our pastors and staff who are off to a really great start for this year.
- Marc Ayala shared a story from the “Reach Across America” ceremony held in the church cemetery. A man named Ralph collapsed and two Navy medics happened to be there and were able to revive him.

Devotion: Marc Ayala

Quite a few events have taken place since the last time we met. If you’re like me, you watched the events at the Capitol earlier this month and wondered if our country and our world has become “hopelessly lost”. Just when you think you’ve seen everything, protesters overrun the United States Congress led by a guy in a Viking helmet. Between the bitter partisan politics of the last election, protests and rioting over racial injustice, and questions of personal liberty over whether we have to wear masks or not – there seems to be a whole lot more people digging in on personal principles than there are compromising for the good of the whole.

As it works with God’s plan, we just so happen to be in the middle of a sermon series and corresponding studies on the book of Ephesians. One of the central themes of Paul’s letter to the early Christians was unity in Christ. I’m reading now from a devotional that seems to capture the essence of our current situation. The key verse for relationships is in chapter 5:21: Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

In the coming months, this body may be called upon to make difficult decisions for the future of our church. These decisions will likely spark intense emotions and debate among our fellow church members. We will certainly be tempted to dig in on principle. My question to you tonight is, “Are you prepared to follow Jesus and submit to the other side, or are you going to put on a Viking helmet and storm the Capitol?”

Prayer

II. Business:

A. Approval of Minutes from the October 2020 Executive Council meeting.

Motion by Richard Jerman: To accept the minutes of the October 26, 2020, meeting of the Executive Council as written. Seconded by Frankie Godwin. Vote called. All in favor.

B. Business Area Reports & Requests:

1. Finance Committee/Treasurer – Richard Jerman/Kevin Kranz. Approval of the 2021 Budget.

Richard reviewed the proposed 2021 budget and discussed the draft report prepared by Kevin Kranz for 12/31/20. The books have not yet been completed and he will follow up with a final report when the books are closed. Copies of the budget, the YTD Summary of Temporary Restricted Accounts, the Analysis of Revenues and Expenses for 2020, and a December 2020 Balance Sheet are filed with these minutes.

In addition, Richard reported that P.P.P. efforts for 2020 were received in the amount of \$136,00, and the amount available for 2021 of \$124,00 has been applied for.

Motion by the Finance Committee: To accept the proposed budget for 2021 as presented. Vote called. All in favor.

2. SPRC – Kalindi Fitch – no report.

Frankie Godwin noted that we have amazing pastors and staff

3. Trustees – Brian Boyington

The Trustees have formed a committee to oversee the sale of the parsonage property. The Trustees have two new members with one retiring in 2020.

4. Lay Leaders – Frankie Godwin/Mark Ayala – no report

5. UMW – Angela Relyea

Angela report that the next Women's Night of Fellowship will be held on February 9. Members may attend in-person in the Fellowship Hall or on Facebook live. A restaurant mission fundraiser will take place on February 17 at Panuzzo's Restaurant, on Lockwood in Oviedo. 20% of your bill will go for missions. UMW strives to serve the church and community. One new food collection and bag packing will be held on March 7 in the Fellowship Hall to benefit Palm Valley seniors.

6. UMM – Bill Dickson

The UMM are continuing conversations with the rescue mission to establish a recurring program for men. Plans are being made for a golf tournament in 2021.

7. Children & Families – Kathryn Halterman – no report

8. Children's Council – Jessica Poulin – no report

9. Youth Council – Carl Cline – no report

10. Administration & Staff – Charlene Davis

Charlene announced that Chris Brown has stepped down from the position as Facilities Manager. John Campbell is doing maintenance around the campus on a contractual basis. Contact Charlene or Erin regarding facilities matters.

11. Discipleship Ministry – Jim Boesch, ministry report

Senior Leadership: Visioning Role

1. Challenge FCO faith community to be intentional in their commitments to be obedient to God's calling on them to become disciple-makers for Jesus Christ.
2. Continue to develop in-house and remote small group options and opportunities with understanding that remote participation is here to stay.
3. Promote and provide discipling resource content for small group ministry usage.

Discipleship Ministry Council/Team: Implementation Role

Phase 1: (Implement by 3/30/21 and ongoing)

1. Support Senior Leadership strategies via-
 - a. "1 Minute Discipling Stories"
 - b. Discipling Podcasts
 - c. Spiritual Birthdays Project
 - d. ?
2. Intentional Prayer – All DMC members share within their Spheres of Influence prayerful requests of God for help in our efforts to support and bolster the faith walks/journeys of all peoples we encounter as FCO faith community.
3. Support and advise the 5 Core Ministry Groups/Areas of Children & Family, Youth, United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men and Missions that are currently established in FCO.
 - a. Attend their leadership gatherings to offer support and direction for their utilization of F.L.O.W. format, pray for them, offer discipling counsel and ideas, etc.

Phase 2: (implement by 4/15/21 and ongoing)

1. Extend our reach to 2nd Level Ministries and FCO faith community members
2. Continued support and participation in fulfillment of Mission, Values and Vision of FCO through efforts and strategies of Senior Leadership.

Phase 3: (implement by 4/31/21 and ongoing)

1. Build Small Group Ministries by actively seek potential small group leaders/facilitators from peoples of FCO faith community
2. Equip by provide training, equipping and support for new and existing small group leaders/facilitators through consistent developmental connection with DMC

12. Request from American Legion – Marc Ayala

Bill Mitchem, American Legion, has requested that the Florida Fallen Crosses use our church cemetery as a permanent location. The crosses would be up for 3 weeks each year.

Motion by Marc Ayala: To allow the American Legion to utilize the space within the Oviedo cemetery to display the Florida Fallen Crosses Memorial on a permanent basis for a period of two to three weeks before Memorial Day each May. Seconded by Frankie Godwin. Vote called. All in favor.

13. Young at Heart, report by Frankie Crews, Charlene Davis

Over the past year the Young at Heart Group has grown in attendance. We are now experiencing participation of 45-50 at each of our functions. Although our church does not want or should it become a rocking chair church, we do have a large membership of those 55 and over. The following report is presented to draw attention to a vital ministry within our church. Our goal is to reach as many as possible and to provide interesting and informative programs while providing a means for Christian fellowship. Our programs since January 2020 have been as follows:

January – Kraig Lenius – History of the Organ and in particular, the organs of FUMCO

February – Jesse Conigliaro, Recreation Director for the City of Oviedo; ECC Children presented a musical program; and Jodi Sewell, a friend of Pastor Wade, sang and gave her testimonial.

March and April – Due to pandemic, no activities were held.

May – October – Drive thru lunches were held. An average attendance of 50 participated in each of these drive thru lunches either by sitting under the oaks to eat lunch and fellowship with others or some drove thru the portico to pick up their lunch. Entertainment was provided at several of the lunches including James Crews played the saxophone; Bob Putman and Mary Jo Martin played the dulcimers. In July, we held a Drive Thru Ice Cream Social to bid Pastor Wade and family a farewell.

As the weather was turning cool, it was decided to have the lunches at Dominick's Restaurant in Winter Springs. Social distancing is practiced while dining on the outdoor patio which is equipped with heaters if needed.

November – Lunch was held at Dominick's Restaurant. Games were played. We collected money to provide a Thanksgiving meal for a family in need at Lawton Elementary School.

In December, Holidays with the Humdingers, a group from the Central Florida Community Arts, performed for the group via a prerecorded program.

December – Lunch was held at Dominick's Restaurant. Richard Koloff presented a program of true stories experienced by him and games were played. We had collected money to purchase Christmas gifts for a five year old boy. Liz Whitley had provided us with information about the little boy. Liz and Larry delivered a truck full of toys, clothes and household items to the family.

January 2021 – Lunch was held at Dominick's Restaurant. Our guests included County Commissioner Bob Dallari and Dr. Todd Husty, Medical Director for Seminole County. Dr. Husty presented a very informative update on what Seminole County has been doing to address the pandemic.

Our February lunch will be held on the 11th at Dominick's. We would like to extend the invitation to join us.

IV. Pastor's Reports:

1. Pastor of Mission Engagement & Contemporary Worship, Patina Ripkey:

The new Sunday worship times beginning February 7:

9:00 a.m. Contemporary service

11:00 a.m. Traditional service

2. Senior Pastor, Rev. Brian James:

1. JOYS

CONFIRMATION COMPLETION

17 confirmands / 5 baptisms

2 families joining

NOMADS, Drucks departing this Friday. If you see them, please thank them for their hard work.

2. DISCIPLESHIP

FLOW Branding

Chair Appointed

Team Assembled

Process in place

Resource Library Relocated

WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY Equipping Nights

3. WORSHIP

NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE (begins weekend of February 6 & 7)

Saturday 6 p.m. Contemporary (no livestream)

Sunday 9 a.m. Contemporary (livestream)

Sunday 11 a.m. Traditional (livestream)

LENT Series: “Start Small”

Companion Church Study Offering

Easter Planning (Tuesday, January 26)

Ash Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Main Sanctuary

4. MISSION ENGAGEMENT

4 Local Pantries – Food Instability

Lawton

Hope

Palm Valley

Bithlo

SAFE

Samaritan’s Village

5. FACILITY MANAGEMENT

Erin Campbell – Vendor/Facility Supervision

Charlene Davis – Facility Scheduling

6. STAFF SUPERVISION

Ministry Staff Goal-Setting 2021 Underway

Weekly 30-minute sit-downs scheduled

Administrative Staff – Charlene Davis

AV Staffing – Damien Herrington

2021 Pastoral Review pushed back to May 31st (new process)

General Conference

Scheduled for August 29 – September 7

No word on reschedule or restructure

V. Announcement of Upcoming Meeting:

Next scheduled meeting, February 22. You will be notified if the meeting will be held.

VI. Closing Prayer

Pastor Brian offered a closing prayer.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Lange
Recording Secretary
First United Methodist Church of Oviedo, Inc.

Addendum to January 2021 minutes, added March 22, 2021:

Final Treasurer's Report by Kevin Kranz, dated December 31, 2020:

INCOME:

Total revenue for December:	\$235,573.01
Total income Year to Date:	\$1,141,673.58
YTD Budget:	\$1,231,300.00
Variance:	(89,626.42)

EXPENSES:

Total expenses for December:	\$98,809.84
Total expenses Year to Date:	\$955,884.35
YTD Budget:	\$1,226,229.60
Variance:	(270,345.25)

NET TOTAL:

Total December:	\$136,763.17
Year to Date:	\$185,789.23

Total Account Balance in Bank: \$1,434,064.43

Net Balance, Under One Campaign: \$241,410.49