



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OVIEDO

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

January 27, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Call to Order:

Chairman, David Evans, called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 18 members. A copy of the "Agenda" is attached for the file.

I. Loving:

A. **Opening Prayer:** Prayer by Senior Pastor, Brian James.

B. **Invitation to Glory & God Sightings:**

- Jim Ford – awesome experience with the "Your Bridge" event, with 16 middle and high school Orange County Academy students, from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. A snack and dinner were provided. Volunteers were from our church and UCF.
- Thankful that there have been no funerals lately.
- Frankie Crews - Young at Heart's very active group of 40, enjoyed a luncheon together.
- Angela Relyea – is thankful to share an outreach with a football coach and other parents on how to deal with anxiety in children.

C. **Devotion** by Pastor, Wade Arnold

Psalm 24:1-5. God has authority over everything because He created everything. All belongs to God. Who is eligible to be in God's presence – the person who is pure. No idolatry. Generosity – all belongs to God. Promise – there will be a blessing with righteousness – a favorable judgement. Prayer.

II Learning – Ministry Area Updates

A. **Financial Peace University - Pastor Wade Arnold**

On September 6, a new class and sermon series will be launched. This will be a campaign to help with personal finances and to increase giving. The course will teach basic financial discipleship.

Six teams will be formed:

- Leadership Team – to help with understanding the process
- Prayer Team – to pray for the process
- Promotion Team – to get the word out
- Education Team – lead the classes
- Special Op Team – problem solvers who will help to make connections
- Celebration Team – to provide enthusiasm

III. Leading:

A. Approval of Minutes from the November 2019 meeting.

Correct the spelling of John Sauter to Jon Sauter and correct the spelling of Mark Ayala to Marc Ayala. In the report for “Your Bridge”, add “*Mentor Sessions” on the line with “*Chapel/Table Talk”. Thank you to Frankie Crews for reporting these changes.

Motion by Brian Boyington: To accept the minutes of the November 25, 2019, meeting of the Administrative Council as written with the noted corrections. Seconded by Jim Ford. Vote called. All in favor.

B. Business Area Reports & Requests

1. Treasurer/Finance Reports, Richard Jermain

New Finance Committee Chairman, Richard Jermain, reported the receipt of a securities gift, which means that the 2019 Budget was fully funded with extra. Some funds may be used to replenish reserves, but other ideas are to upgrade our live-streaming equipment and to use some unallocated funds in view of possible changes to the United Methodist Church. The completed 2020 budget should be completed by next week.

Comments from Kevin Kranz, Treasurer:

These figures are still preliminary, but they indicate we had an exceptionally strong finish to the year. General budget revenue for December currently totals approximately \$318,800 and there is still a gift of stock which will add to this total once it is sold. This total is already about \$114,000 more than we received in December 2018 and represents the highest-ever total for the month of December based on my records.

General budget revenue for 2019 currently totals approximately \$1,296,800 and again the gift of stock mentioned above will add to this total. This total is already about \$64,500 more than the highest annual total I have in my records (the previous high total was in 2017).

Based upon the preliminary 2019 revenue and expense totals, we have a net gain for the year of approximately \$170,000.

Under One giving was also very strong in both November and December with approximately \$153,000 received over the course of those two months.

Submitted for the file: Balance Sheet, December 2019; Summary of Restricted Accounts, January to December 2019; Analysis of Revenues & Expenses, January to December 2019; YTD Summary of Temporary Restricted Accounts, January to December 2019; Comparison of 2020 Budget and 2019 Actuals.

2. Membership & Attendance Reports: Charlene Davis

For the monthly report to Administrative Council, as of January 27, 2020:

Total membership at 1414. Eight were received from the New Members Class. One member was removed by death. Included in the report were a list of membership totals by month for the years 2016 – 2020, with 1414 for December 2019. A list for weekly average attendance for the years 2016 – 2020 was provided with a total average for January of 406.

Attendance on Christmas Eve was 1649.

3. SPRC:

No report at this meeting.

4. Trustees Report: Committee Chairman, Brian Boyington

Welcome to three new Trustees: Harold Bush, Carl Cline, Steve Promen.

Chris Brown supervised the replacement of bulbs in the sanctuary, bulbs for the projectors, spotlights for the stage, and some of the stage lighting. We rented an atrium lift to accomplish the job. Many of the pews needed to be moved to accommodate the lift outriggers.

Waiting on final finance committee finance report prior to approving Trustee budget for 2020.

Work in progress includes repairing roof over the portico adjacent to Jones parlor, and the scraping and painting of windows in the historic sanctuary. The pressure washing of the historic sanctuary stairs, the filling in cracks on sanctuary slab, raking of grass to remove straw next to the sanctuary was accomplished by volunteer student needing 5-hours community service.

C. Business:

1. Old Business: no old business was presented at this meeting.

2. New Business:

- a. "Spring Rising 5K Race", Space Utilization Request
No request has been received by staff. Tabled to the next meeting.
- b. Leadership Development – Marc Ayala

Marc presented an extensive reorganization for leadership of the Administrative Council and other committees titled Lay Leadership. The changes would more accurately follow the guidelines as listed in the U. M. Book of Discipline.

Proposed:

- Admin Council, reduce to 11 voting members comprised of:
 - Chair & Vice Chair
 - Chairs of SPRC, Finance, & Trustees
 - UMM, UMW, & UM Youth Representatives
 - Young Adult Representative
 - Pastors, Lay Leaders, Delegates
 - Treasurer & Recording Secretary

11 person "Executive Committee" to meet monthly. Full Council to include non-voting ministry heads meets quarterly. Eliminate At Large Members.

- Nominations, reduce to Pastors (3), Lay Leaders (2), Lay Delegates (2), 1 Young Adult
- Finance, SPRC, Trustees, reduce to 6 persons in staggered 3 year terms. Reduce by attrition as terms expire. Should include at least 1 young adult member.
- Youth Council, combination of Youth & Adults
- Children's Council, no change

No vote was taken at this meeting. Chairman Evans asked all to consider these changes and prepare for a vote to be taken at the February meeting. (complete report attached for the file)

c. Called to Serve – Frankie Godwin

I am here to support and promote the Call to Serve event scheduled on our campus on Saturday, February 22. This is a District event that we have hosted for the last several years. It starts with a guest speaker who

this year is the Rev. Annette Pendergrass, our former District Superintendent, who pastors a church in Melbourne, and Pastor Patina will be leading praise and worship. Following the opening, there are a number of really good classes this year -- right here on our campus -- that I hope our members can take advantage of.

Charlene and I went through the list this morning, and we have identified individuals and groups whom we want to encourage to participate. So, in the interest of time, I will just tell you that many are sitting around this table, so you can expect a tap on your shoulder in the next few days with more information

In addition to the class offerings, we are in need of many volunteers. In previous years, there have been in excess of 300 visitors on our campus for the event. We need people who can greet and direct our guests, and Brian Boyington is in need of volunteers to work the parking lot. Christy will be helping with registration, too.

Look for that tap on your shoulder ...

IV. SENDING FORTH:

A. Pastor's Reports:

1. Assistant Pastor, Wade Arnold

Real Life Discipleships class will be held on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday night. 10 people have signed up. Financial Peace class will be held on Sunday mornings with 10 people registered.

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

Pastor Patina will be traveling to Uganda, February 5 – 16. Six people will be going plus Pastor Wade. They will be taking sound equipment to aid the project.

The current Orange County Academy project will be changed to call the Bithlo Project.

3. Senior Pastor, Rev. Brian James:

We need to focus on building a team to love God more and eliminate distractions. Please see and share the ECC video by Anne Masterson.

Denominational changes: we don't know the future of the United Methodist Church. We must be unwilling to lead on what might be. The focus of our pastors is to decide what I can do right now. A transition team will be put together.

B. Announcement of Upcoming Meeting: Administrative Council, February 24, 2020

C. Closing Prayer

Pastor Brian offered a closing prayer.

D. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Lange
Recording Secretary
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