

First United Methodist Church of Cocoa
Church Council Minutes
February 13, 2006

Members Present: Pastor Dave, Arnie Smith, Marilyn Mayo, Jackie DeMeulenaere, Aaron Smith, Jenny Smith, Frank Pound, C.H. Hibbard, Al McKinley, Thurston McLeran, Coreen Lowe, Marianne Wright, Ed Bauer, Sandra Patrick, Diane Norton, Bill Franklin, Carolyn Franklin, Howard Russell, Margaret Russell, Carl Russell, Lou Kotopka, Sara Fellows, Don McCarter.

Arnie called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Pastor Dave opened with a prayer. The minutes of the January 2006 meeting were approved with one correction.

Committee reports:

Finance Committee Report –Thurston reported the check signature authorization information is being changed.. Thurston McLeran, Lang Houston, Al McKinley, John McDonald Arnold Smith, and Richard Harris will be authorized to sign church checks.

Treasurer's Report – Thurston reported the bills have been paid, however, the bulletin shows we are behind in our budgeted giving. A better way to report the financial situation in the church needs to be developed. To always reflect the church is in debt to the budget can be discouraging. The Budget Committee will work on how to present an accurate financial report on the church. There has been a 55% increase in liability and property insurance.

Trustee Report – No report..

Worship Committee – No report

United Methodist Women (UMW) –The Mother/Daughter banquet will be held April 21. It will be a boots & barbeque theme. A silent auction to raise funds for the UMM will be part of the banquet.

United Methodist Men (UMW) – C.H. reported on Feb 25 a steak dinner will be sponsored by the UMM. The UMM have a table at the YMCA breakfast to be held March 22. The UMM donated \$2,800 to the church in 2005.

Staff Parish Relations Committee – Ed reported SPR submitted their recommendation to the District Superintendent on the Pastoral Appointment of Pastor David McGaffic. This report is a recommendation. District results should be made public in April 2006.

Communications Report – No report.

Mission/Service Team: Jackie reported USO telephone cards will be mission for February. Special Gatherings needs funds and will work with the Mission/Service Team to do a fundraiser. The status of funeral receptions was discussed. Marilyn Mayo, Jackie D & Margaret Russell will work out a plan and report back at the March Council meeting.

Youth and Praise Service Report - Aaron reported 5 youth & mentors are beginning their confirmation class. Summer camp is coming up and the youth are looking forward to attending. We have funds to sponsor 6 youth, however, we have more than 6 that would like to go..

Children's Program –Jenny reported a girl's sleepover will be held. Vacation Bible School will be from June 5 – 9, 2006.

Mission Support Team – No report.

Parish Nurse Report – Marilyn reported a woman's retreat is planned for May 6, 2006.

Pastor's Report –. Pastor Dave reported that a confirmation class consisting of 5 students and their mentors started. The Tuesday Night dinner will be re-scheduled to Wednesday March 1, 2006. An Ash Wednesday Service will be held at 6:30, after the Church Dinner. Pastor Lowell Garland will lead the Lenten Lectionary Bible study class.

Old Business –.Diane reported there are currently 225 families active in the church. This figure includes members and visitors. The membership audit is continuing

New Business –Arnie Smith reported on the District Training he attended with other church leaders.

New members of the church council were introduced.

Is a 'new church council member' orientation needed?

Coreen Lowe reported on the Cub Scouts. They need a new adult pack leader. This will be put in the bulletin and Dominion Window. There are currently 4-8 cub scouts. Without a leader, the pack will fold.

The church is looking for nursery workers. The salary is \$10 per hour. An email and notice in the bulletin will hopefully generate some candidates for this position.

The meeting was closed with a prayer at 8:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted Diane Norton