

First United Methodist Church of Cocoa
Church Council Minutes
May 8, 2006

Members Present: Pastor Dave, Arnie Smith, Marilyn Mayo, Sara Fellows, C.H. Hibbard, Aaron Smith, Lang Houston, Thurston McLeran, Jenny Smith, Frank Pound, Richard Harris, Diane Norton, Lou Kotopka, Carolyn Franklin, Don McCarter, Bill Franklin, Carl Russell. Visitor: Rev Ernie Flannigan, Retired Minister from the Cocoa Presbyterian Church

Arnie called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Pastor Dave opened with a prayer

Rev Flannigan talked about an Alpha Course. It is a 12-week course designed to reach out to the non-churched and give basics of Christianity to church members. Team leaders make people comfortable and warm in small groups. The program runs for 2 hours once a week.

The minutes of the April 2006 meeting were approved.

Committee reports:

Finance Report –Lang reported income is down and expenses are up. We are behind in our apportionment payments. We paid \$3,000 so far. The food pantry owes \$2,200 with only \$600 in funds. Lang & Thurston will meet with the food pantry committee to discuss their finances. .

Treasurer's Report –Thurston reported all bills have been paid to date.

Trustee Report – Richard reported the annual parsonage report was finalized and mailed. A new copy machine for the office is in the works. Additional information on the BCC lab school is being gathered. A church clean up day is being planned.

Worship Committee – No report.

United Methodist Women (UMW) –No report.

United Methodist Men (UMM) –C.H. reported on the upcoming men's breakfast activities.

Staff Parish Relations Committee – No report.

Communications Report – No report.

Mission/Service Team: No report

Youth and Praise Service Report - Aaron reported on the activities the youth participated in. Stock in the youth mission trip is still available. Aaron is working on ways to increase participation in the Praise Service.

Children's Program –Jenny reported on the activities of the children of the church. Vacation Bible School is being planned.

Mission Support Team – No report.

Parish Nurse Report – Marilyn reported she will be taking a 3-month leave of absence beginning June 10. Her team will visit and offer communion to those unable to attend church. .

Pastor's Report –. Pastor Dave reported that the Confirmation Classes continue with the assistance of Aaron and Jenny. They will be attending a Sabbath Eve Service at Temple Israel and a Saturday mass at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. The confirmands will join the church on June 4, 2006 at the 11:00 service.

Old Business –. none

New Business –none

The meeting was closed with a prayer at 8:35 pm

Respectfully Submitted Diane Norton