

First United Methodist Church of Cocoa  
Church Council Minutes  
July 17, 2006

Members Present: Pastor Dave, Arnie Smith, Aaron Smith, Al McKinley, Bill Franklin, Carl Russell, Diane Norton, Ed Bauer, Frank Pound, Jackie DeMelenaere, Jenny Smith, Lang Houston, Larry Booth, Richard Harris, Sara Fellows, Thurston McLeran.

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

The minutes of the June 2006 meeting were approved.

Committee reports:

**Finance Report**– Lang reported the Food Pantry has \$928.07 available. A signed purchase order is required before FUMC funds can be obligated. Property insurance has been paid in full. \$3,585 has been obligated to correct a fire code infraction in the church.

**Treasurer Report**– Thurston reported income is down from last year. Last year the church had taken in \$230,000 versus this year of \$227,000. Our bills are being paid.

**Trustee Report**– Richard reported the Trustees are getting 2 new members. Church inventories are nearly complete. The City of Cocoa Fire marshal has given us 30 days to correct the fire code violation. There is a contractor working on the problem.

**Worship Committee** – No report.

**United Methodist Women (UMW)**–No report

**United Methodist Men (UMM)**– C.H. submitted a report via email and Arnie read the report. An updated calling list is being used to notify men of the church of UMM activities. Currently 9 callers call 13-14 men about UMM activities. One person has signed up for the October men's retreat.

**Staff Parish Relations Committee** –\_No report.

**Communications Report** –\_No report.

**Mission/Service Team:** Jackie reported the spaghetti dinner raised \$520 for the food pantry. The wait staff earned \$298 in tips. Thanks to all who helped. Plans for the Hawaiian Auction are underway.

**Youth and Praise Service Report** - \_Aaron reported the Mission trip was a great success. Positive relationships and spiritual growth occurred between the 9 teens and 3 adults. He also submitted a written report of his day-to-day activities. The Contemporary service will begin at 9:45 beginning on August 13.

**Children's Program**–Jenny reported she had a fantastic week in Leesburg with 2 of the youth from her children's ministry. She has enjoyed volunteering at different activities at church.

**Mission Support Team**–\_Al reported the team meets on an 'on-call' basis. They may merge with the Worship Design Team.

**Parish Nurse Report** —\_No report.

**Pastor's Report** — Pastor Dave reported he responded to the letter from his boss, the district superintendent, asking why FUMC has not paid more on apportionments. His response included facts that the church has paid out \$136,000 in the past 6 months for repairs to the church. The 2006 Charge Conference will be Oct 26 at 7:00. Pastor Dave submitted names to fill the Trustees vacancies; they are David Russell and Don McCarter. The motion passed. The Alpha course will begin in September.

**Old Business.** Aaron explained why the Contemporary Service time needs to move from 9:00 to 9:45. Larry Booth made a motion to grant full approval for the 2 month trial to the new time. The motion passed. A Children's Sermon will be part of the 11:00 service. A children's and adult Sunday School will be offered at 11:00.

**New Business** —.Lang explained the benefits of Long Range Church Planning. A motion was made by Al to create a "Long Range Church Planning Team" that will work on a plan for the future of FUMC. The motion carried. Lang Houston, Frank Pound, Al McKinley, Jackie DeMelenaere and Jenny Smith will serve on the initial team. Lay Leadership Committee will get additional members as needed.

The UMM suggested posting FUMC family military photos in the Narthex. Bill made a motion and it passed. Diane will put out an email to get it started.

Diane suggested the FUMC parking lot be offered to the county for use after a hurricane. Ed made a motion to accept and the motion passed.

Larry asked if there was a FUMC disaster plan. Details are on the Florida Conference Web Site. Diane will take a look at the site and get back to the Council.

The Lay leadership is working to obtain a new chair of the Communications/PR committee.

The meeting was closed with a prayer at 8:46 pm

Respectfully Submitted Diane Norton