

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of COCOA
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2006

Attendees: Lang Houston, Arnie Smith, Richard Harris, Ed Bauer, Larry Booth, Thurston McLeran, Sandra Patrick, Al McKinley, Mikael Hardee; and Margaret Russell, Frank Pound, Tony Fadely & John Franco.

Lang opened the meeting at 5:28 p.m. with a prayer.

Richard moved to approve the September minutes. Al seconded and **motion passed.**

A proposal from the Whole Loaf Worship Center was presented to donate their entire food ministry to the FUMC Food Pantry due to the pending sale of their property. Discussion revealed we have adequate space. Costs will be minimal. Larry stated the Finance Board is **not** the proper board to accept this.

Al moved to show our support for this effort, Thurston seconded, and the motion was **unanimously approved.**

Richard stated the need to revisit the **Food Pantry Oversight Committee.**

The Board discussed a "petition" signed by 29 church members relative to limits and management of the proposed contingency fund **if** the parsonage is sold. Larry said spending of church finances must be per the Discipline. The issues in this petition are **premature** until a decision on the sale of the parsonage is finalized. The decision was to **not reply.**

Lang raised the need to begin efforts for an Audit Committee, Stewardship Campaign, and 2007 Budget.

Al will start pulling together budget information.

Al and Thurston need to set-up dates with Pastor Dave for Stewardship Sunday.

Thursday, October 26th is Charge Conference.

Thurston stated there was **\$463 in checking as of September 30th.**

Deposit of the Sunday, October 1st collections raised it to \$9661.

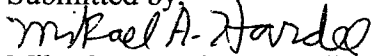
As of the end of September we are over **\$70,000 short** of budget needs.

District Apportionments are our major underpaid budget item.

[reports show for our 2006 apportionment we have paid \$7,131 of \$39,232.]

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Submitted by



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