

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, ORANGE, TEXAS
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING – APRIL 20, 2010**

The Administrative Council of FUMC-Orange met on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 6:00 P. M., in the Praise Center. The following members were in attendance:

Darby Byrd	Christy Day	Teri Estes	Ken Hillsten
Ron Hopperton	Barbara McLellan	Beverly Millsap	Jerry Pennington
Walter Riedel	Doug Rogers	Robert Rothrock	Tom Stephenson
Davie Thompson	Beth Tatum		

Handouts Available Tonight: Agenda for tonight -Minutes for last meeting –March 16, 2010, -- Financial Budget Statement and Balance Sheet for period ending March 16, 2010,--Summary of Investment Funds and Trustee Accounts March 31, 2010,--Praise Center Building History March 22, 2010, --FUMC Insurance –March 8, 2010. The Minutes for last meeting were approved as written.

INTRODUCTION: Jerry Pennington, Adm. Council Chairperson, opened the meeting with prayer. Jerry then welcomed everyone saying we will follow the Agenda and add to it at the end for those that send him e-mails.

WE ARE A FRUITFUL CONGREGATION BECAUSE WE PRACTICE:

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY -

FINANCIAL REPORT – Finance Chairperson Walter Riedel ask that everyone look over the Financial Statements presented tonight. The Finance Committee met last week and adopted the second reading of the Budget for 2010. This Budget was amended for the associate pastor line item leaving only amount to cover Student Pastor Salary and removed balance allowed associate pastor for rest of year. The Yard Service line item will be adjusted up to \$12,729.00. Discussion follow and the Budget for 2010 was Adopted on motion by Beverly Millsap, seconded by Barbara McLellan and approved on vote by Council. Finance is working on unifying all Banks accounts together into one Balance Sheet. The Financial Statement presented tonight shows an Income of \$173,074.03 with Expenditures of \$191,491.63 leaving a deficit of \$18,417.60 for the period ending March 31, 2010.

The report submitted tonight for Investment Funds and Trustee Accounts thru March 31, 2010 was reviewed. The Praise Center Building History was reviewed by Darby Byrd along with the Insurance Coverage for “Rita” and “Ike” claims as of March 8, 2010. There are still Claims to be settled with the Insurance Company.

BUILDING RENOVATION UPDATE – Report from Teri Estes, Building Committee Chair. Teri told the Council that the Committee is going thru the plans with the Architect getting close to the final plans for renovation of the Education Building and Fellowship Hall. Discussion followed as to how to complete plan and financing. Teri will go back to the Committee and they will work on discussions and suggestions to complete the plans and ideas for financing – then come back to Council and work toward presentation to the Congregation.

TYLER ASSOCIATES PROPOSAL REGARDING CAPITAL CAMPAIGN—Handout to Council with all plans for FUMC prepared for STEWARDSHIP & GENEROSITY FOR CONGREGATIONS. They have 30 years of experience doing Stewardship Campaigns. Tom knows and has worked with them before – they are very reliable. They can help us with our

Stewardship Campaign for next year and guide us thru financing for our Building Campaign. Please read thru the Proposal presented tonight. Motion was made by Walter Riedel, seconded by Christy Day to hire TYLER ASSOCIATES to work with our Church on our Capital and Budget Campaigns. The Council approved the Motion on vote.

FAITH FORMING RELATIONSHIPS ---SMALL GROUP FORMATION: Jerry, Christy and Tom have been discussing organizing Small Groups based on those they observed at the Ginghamburg Ohio Church meeting and will present their ideas to the congregation on Wednesday, May 5, at 6:00 P.M. in the Praise Center. This will be small interest groups made up of 8 –10 members meeting twice a month. They will be called “The Connexion”. They can be service groups, spiritual groups, prayer groups, and study groups, working and caring for each other. They will not be social groups. Each group should be working toward developing faith relationships, leaderships and growing.

RADICAL HOSPITALITY:

EVANGELISM --- Davie Thompson said they had a booth at Orange’s Art in the Park on Saturday March 27. They gave out 300 kits containing mints, hand wipes, and card with our Church’s logo and information on it. They are working on plans to hold the Open House/Block Party on August 21 from 5 to 7 P.M. They have renamed it “LAST BLAST”. The Web Site has been launch and plan to have training available on May 16. We have provided Kroger 24,000 Pharmacy Bags with our Church’s logo on them. The logo decals for cars are being distributed.

RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE:

MISSIONS COMMITTEE --- Ken Hillsten and Beth Tatum reported that the Missions Group had work at 3 sites on April 10 and April 17. They did yard work, rebuilt a porch, painted and caulked damaged areas from “IKE”. We had about 30 volunteers. Missions will be selling shirts with the Church Logo on them as a fund raising project. Please sign up and order yours.

OTHER ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

CHURCH TRANSFORMATION – Beverly Millsap were over our Church’s Transformation information for the past years. She went over what had been accomplished by our Church. Discussion followed by the Council. Beverly read out the following list of goals for next year:

Encourage spiritual growth within our church and community.

Small spiritual groups within the church.

Wednesday Night Live classes and studies.

Bible Studies.

Establish the Servant Evangelism program.

Expand mission work locally and globally.

MOPS

Work days in the community on regular schedule.

Transportation to church events and/or doctor appointments.

Expand the Youth Outreach.

Complete the Mobile Medical Unit - UMM

Training for ushers and greeters.

Expand our youth program for Sunday evenings to appropriately ministry to various ages.

Improve the Sunday Morning classes for all children and youth.

Dedicated training for teachers of adults and children.

Beverly made a motion to adopt these goals and record in the minutes. Motion was seconded and approved by Council.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted – Barbara McLellan, Secretary.

