



Church Council Meeting March 23, 2010, 7:00pm

## Agenda

Welcome

Devotion

Minutes: Approval of February 23, 2010 Minutes distributed by e-mail March 20, 2010

**Staff Reports** – Please make special note of progress in the new priority ministries under your supervision, if any

1. Pre-School Director – Amy Watson (submitted early, to be read by chair)
2. Report on Helping Hands Clinics – Randy Stacey
3. Robert Jackson – Director of Music
4. Vacant – Children, Youth, Christian Education
5. Carl Romey – Assistant Pastor
6. Bill Yeager – Assistant Pastor
7. Harold Henderson – Senior Pastor

### Old Business

1. *Committee Highlights* – Please be sure to cover progress in the new priority ministries under the charge of your committee as well as key ongoing and future happenings.
  - a. Staff Parrish – Tim Leslie
  - b. Finance – Jeff Cheek
  - c. Other Committees
2. Discussion of future priority ministries not covered by committee or staff reports
3. Discussion of fundraising opportunities, continued from previous meetings
  - a. Periodic social events with fundraising element, example of Finance Committee initiative
  - b. Other approaches
  - c. Coordination with or piggybacking on existing FUMC fundraising

### New Business

1. Annual compliance agreements with Church Conference policies - to be voted upon by Council on recommendation of responsible committees:
  - a. Staff Parrish Committee
    - 1) Child/Youth Protection Policy
    - 2) Sexual Harassment Policy
  - b. Finance Committee
    - 1) Fiscal Responsibility and Management Policy

Closing Prayer

**Next Meeting: April 27, 2010**

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# Minutes

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Mary Kilgour.  
Rachael Jordan gave the prayer to open the meeting.

1. *Amy Watson* gave a report on the expected Sale Booth to be held during the Spring Arts festival on April 10-11. She asked for help with baking items for the sale. She reported that the Preschool has 30 students now but can have up to 46 students.
2. *Randy Stacey* reported that he is going to apply to the Blue Foundation to support a new program for diagnosis and treating of hypertension as part of the Helping Hands Clinic.
3. The report from *Bob Jackson* was read by Dr. Henderson, and it is attached.
4. *Rachael Jordan* presented a written report, which is attached.
5. *Carl Romey* was not present because he had to go home to rest after having been up since about 3 or 3:30 AM helping cook for the Lenten Breakfast. Dr. Henderson made a brief report on what Carl has been doing.
6. *Dr. Henderson* also made a brief report on the recovery of Bill Yeager and what he is doing in visiting those in the hospitals as he can.
7. *Dr. Harold Henderson* presented and read a report, which is attached.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. *Tim Leslie* indicated that Staff Parish Committee is losing Courtney Dell because she is moving from Gainesville with her husband, and losing Audrey Lewis, who is having to withdraw from active participation in the Committee at the present time. He reported that Rachael Jordan officially began work on March 1, 2010. He reported that Carl Romey is requesting reappointment from the Nazarene Church to continue to serve in FUMC. Tim reported that the Nursery is looking for a part-time children' worker. Tim and his committee are working on revising the Employee Policy Manual.
2. *Jeff Cheek*, Chairman of the Finance Committee reported that some adjustment in the Staff Parish Committee budget for 2010 had been made based on some money saved in staff who had left FUMC (mainly Frank Ferreri). No cuts to actual salaries of employed persons were made. Jeff asked for approval of this action from the Council, and the vote was 14 voting for the action and none against. Jeff also noted plans to reactivate the Stewardship Committee, as a subcommittee of Finance, as soon as possible. He also said that an Easter Letter written by Dr. Henderson was going out right away.
3. The representative from the Trustees indicated that business of looking after the property of the Church was going on as normal.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. The council voted unanimously to approve and sign (by the Chair person Mary Kilgour) the updated Child/Youth Protection Policy and the Policy on Sexual Harassment.

Dr. Harold Henderson closed the meeting with prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Minute reported by acting secretary James L. Nation

**The Next meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2010, at 7PM in the Bethany Room.**

Rachael Jordan—Report to FUMC Church Council—23 March 2010

This being my first time reporting to the Church Council, I figured that I ought to say a bit about myself. I'm a first year undergraduate student at The University of Florida now studying Religion and Sociology. I have been coming to FUMC since August and have been involved with the chancel and bell choirs. I love music and for the past couple of weeks, I have also truly enjoyed helping with the Kidz Club Children's Choir as well. I've also been involved with the youth program since mid January, when Frank Ferreri asked me if I would like to chaperone their progressive lock-in. I discovered that if I could make it through that, I could make it through just about anything.

I want to continue by saying that shortly after I moved to Gainesville, FUMC very quickly turned into my family-away-from-home. I fell in love almost instantly with everything about this church, especially the incredibly welcoming congregation. Both Dr. Henderson and Frank Ferreri were incredible assets in my spiritual journey: especially Frank, who provided me with books and materials that jumpstarted my religious education and cleaned off four years worth of built-up dust. I also want to thank him for setting me up for this position because he mentioned it to me back in December and motivated me to submit my resume in January. Even weeks before I was hired, he took the time to explain what the youth are all about and generally how to run things. He told me once that Nathan Carden was a tough act to follow. He has no idea!

In terms of the youth and the youth program, we have an exorbitant amount of activities happening right now. This past Sunday, Ann Philips invited the youth out to her property in Alachua. The kids worked all afternoon picking up sticks and moving logs and then even had a little time to throw a football and play hide and seek. We'd like to thank the Philips' for inviting us and providing us with supper. The rain held off and the youth and parents had a wonderful time.

I have discovered that this youth program is phenomenal and, like most areas of this church, has the ability to expand enormously. A lot is going to be happening in a very short amount of time, including the restarting of not one, but two Wednesday night classes for youth. The Spring Arts Festival is right around the corner followed by the 30-hour famine that the youth will be participating in in May. We have got a few service projects being planned for both the summer and fall, including the "Purple Pinky Project" supporting the eradication of polio, "Shear the Fear" supporting the American Cancer Society, and I would like to organize a joint service project/ overnight with the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts out to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home, where I had the opportunity to visit this past Saturday.

The youth are an amazing group of kids and I am so privileged to be working with them. I truly look forward to seeing them grow in all aspects of their lives especially spiritually. I look forward to coming to the church throughout the week and organizing the youth is, I regret to say, much more entertaining than my schoolwork. I am also thrilled to be working with such an amazing staff and congregation and I thank God and thank you all for giving me this opportunity.

Respectfully submitted

First United Methodist Preschool (FUMPers) Report  
-presented to the Church Council on March 23, 2010

The Spring Arts Festival is upon us – scheduled for Apr 10-11<sup>th</sup>. This event has historically been an opportunity for exposure and outreach for First United Methodist Church to the greater Gainesville community.

FUMPers will be hosting our annual baked goods booth during the festival. The proceeds from our booth sales this year will go toward classroom upgrades.

For the few years we had tremendous support from the church family during this event – *I am asking for and have great hope for yet another repeat performance!* This particular year, with our lower enrollment, it would be especially helpful for baking assistance from the church family!

*Please consider one or both of the following ways in which you may lend your support during the festival:*

- *Bake a batch of cookies for us to sell*
- *Come and make purchases at the booth during the festival*

On March 15th, the Preschool's community service project was serving lemonade and child-made tuna fish sandwiches at Helping Hands Clinic. The children were very loving and generous and were well received by the clinic patients. This event was the culmination of a month of learning about various community service jobs and sharing in the responsibility of caring for our fellowman.

Thank you for your support of this ministry of First United Methodist Church,  
Amy C. Watson

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