

First United Methodist Church Administrative Team  
“Conducting the Business of the Church in a Christ-like Manner  
April 10, 2006

**Members Present:** Kathy Roll, Virginia Mund, Diane Schneider, Dave Aberle, Brenton Leingang, Andrew Zoller, Don Wolf, Nathan Bergman

**Members Unable to Attend:** Sean Thorenson, Brian Artz, Lori Wavrin, Pastor Kermit Culver, Sarah Fischer

**Others Present:** Jeff Pospisil, Treasurer; Paulette Voegele, Secretary

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:28 p.m. by Chair, Dave Aberle

**Opening Prayer:** Brenton Leingang offered the opening prayer

**Approval of the Minutes:** Kathy Roll moved and Brenton Leingang seconded that the minutes of the March meeting be approved with the one correction made by Pastor Kermit. Approved as amended.

**Staff Report:** Barb Ouradnik reported on the children’s ministry. She had three main points. 1) Attendance – since the beginning of the year, attendance has increased drastically. Barb has seen that some families are “every other week” attendees, some weekly, some monthly, etc. The first week the total number of attendees at Sunday School was 69. At one point (Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>) there were 155 attending. Dave Aberle asked what the Administrative team can do to support the children’s ministry. Brenton suggested we do a monthly report before church services to keep adults/parents informed on the function/value of this ministry. 2) “Kids of the Kingdom” – is a function one time per month for children 2-5 years old and their parents, in order to develop closer relationships with parents. 3) Childrens ministry development – devised of teams: Genesis group (the think tank) drives the children’s activities; SOS (Safety on Site) – assures the health and safety of the children during groups; Imagine Nation – brainstorms and implements a creative atmosphere in children’s ministry; The Companion Crew ( much like a calling tree) are contact people who call other volunteers on their teams to keep volunteers interested and involved.

**Subcommittee Reports:**

**Finance:** Jeff reported that we have good revenue, but some pretty big projects to finance. Automatic withdrawal for donations has not had a real big response, but those who want to do it are doing so.

Jeff reported that there has been discussion about the transfer of general funds to help cover the cost of plane tickets to Bolivia. Don asked what other fund raisers are/will be going on between now and the trip – so when these funds are available those who have already paid for their tickets may receive some reimbursement.

Kathy moved and Don seconded we transfer funds contingent upon these answers.

Motion carried.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration is set for Sept. 8 and 9. Elders involved in planning the event are looking for some dedicated funds (approx. \$1500) to help meet the expense of this activity. They are looking for “did you know” information from anyone/everyone regarding the past of the church. Brent asked if we’re going to do information for another time capsule (when the one placed 50 yrs. ago is “dug up”). The team is currently not sure about that.

Retirement of the Land Debt Celebration – is set for May 21<sup>st</sup>. Plans are for a brunch that day with a picnic that night at the land with the burning of the mortgage.

Legacy Project – everyone is invited to the next meeting Wed. 4-19-06.

Jeff mentioned that Finance is looking at putting an article in the next newsletter regarding tithing. At this point our tithing would reflect that all members (families) are at the poverty level financially! Kathy suggested maybe we should report the income/expense/deficits (if appropriate) in the bulletin, rather than just what was tithed the week before – which sometimes looks good. Dave A. asked that we all think and pray about this and bring ideas to the next meeting.

**Trustees:** Dave A. reported that all the internal lights that were planned for changing have been replaced and paid for. A few issues have arisen regarding adaptation of pews for the disabled. Plans are currently to remove a portion of pews 2 and 3 on the left and 4 and 5 on the right. A gentleman has agreed to do the work for approximately \$300-350. Diane moved and Virginia seconded that we proceed with this project. Motion carried.

Roof “situation” – as we all know, the roof leaks. Ressler Siding has been found to be at fault. Lori has recommended civil action. Dave has been dealing personally with Ressler Siding and has been put off for 2-3 months now. He feels it’s time to move forward. Virginia moved and Diane seconded that we get an attorney and move ahead. Motion carried.

Sound Room – there is no glass in one of the rooms. The inspector said the glass that was there was not up to code. There is potential for someone to fall through. Getting the proper glass will take a few more weeks.

Brent reported the nursery accordion door will be removed.

Some of the ceiling tiles on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors are stained, probably from the “critters” that Lori has reported on in the past. These tiles will probably be replaced (rather than washed) and the walls washed. A new roof access ladder will be put up.

Nathan is going to put together a newsletter article requesting people put their name(s) on a volunteer list of handymen talents that can be used in the church.

**SPRC:** Diane reported that May 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. we will be recognizing Kermit’s 10 years with First Church and his 25 years in ministry.

**Old Business:** as reported by subcommittees previously

**New Business:** none

**Closing Prayer:** Andrew led the team in closing prayer.

**Adjourned:** 8:45 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. with subcommittee reports at 6:45 p.m.