

**Oakdale Emory United Methodist Church
Minutes of Church Council Meeting
July 19, 2011**

Council Members in Attendance:

Dave Young	Leslie Myers	Joe Long	Annamarie Skinker
Ted Strahan	Patti Whitten	Kevin Hagberg	Debbie Goldberg
Kevin Baker	Eileen Buzy	Susan Lears –UMW	

Staff in Attendance: Anne Jordan

Others in Attendance: Alden English

Recording Secretary: Damali Kajubi

1. **Opening and Prayer:** Kevin Baker offered the opening prayer.
2. **Approval of Previous Meeting’s Minutes:** Joe Long moved the motion to approve the minutes. Kevin Baker seconded the motion. The Council unanimously approved the minutes.
3. **Old Business –**
 - a – **Meeting Frequency Ideas –**
 - Joe Long contributed that Council meetings should be short.
 - Susan Lears advocated keeping the current monthly meeting schedule (Tuesday of every month) for consistency to make it easier for the congregation to remember
 - The Council is not going to meet in August. The next meeting will be on September 20, 2011.
 - b – **Capital Campaign –**
 - Kevin Baker reported that he has had several meetings with Kevin Lewis, Chairman of the Capital Campaign Committee
 - Debbie Goldberg, Co-Chair of the Building Committee and Leslie Myers, Executive Pastor, are setting up neighborhood meetings to provide the congregation with information on the Building plans
 - Capital Campaign Committee wants to do a 4 minute DVD that takes the viewer on a walk-through of how the new building will look like. The DVD requires money
 - Dave Young, Council Chair advocated that the Council needs to provide the Capital Campaign Committee with the funds
 - Joe Long suggested that the Capital Campaign Committee should submit a budget to the Council
 - Kevin Baker reported that the Capital Campaign Committee has priced the promotional mailings and DVDs to be around 30K
 - Kevin Hagberg suggested that a percentage of the money from the capital campaign should designated to administrative costs
 - There was a suggestion to ask the Council to vote to take 30K out of the Building Fund to be replenished as the money came up

- There was also a suggestion to authorize the 30K from the Reserve Fund and to reimburse the Reserve Fund after raising the funds.
- Dave Young suggested that Kevin Baker should get a ruling from the Discipline as to how we should handle this issue
- The Council agreed that it is going to cost us money to raise money. The Capital Campaign Committee should estimate all their costs and submit a budget to the Council. The Council will make a decision via email in August
- Pledge cards are coming in and people have started paying
- Capital Campaign Committee wants to have a church conference in the Fall
- Kevin Baker suggested that the Capital Campaign Committee should create a project plan to get all the information on cost. They should report to the congregation the amount pledged so far, amount they plan to get from bonds, the conference, or from the bank.
- Dave Young suggested that the Capital Campaign Committee should take a look at all our options and outline them. For example, they should identify the maximum limit OEUMC can borrow from the conference, and the maximum bond and loan limits

4. **New Business** –

a – Council

- Dave Young suggested that at some point in the future, the Council should discuss 501C3 and put together a guide.

b – Floor

- No new business items were introduced

5. **Pastor's Reports** –

• Leslie Myers, Executive Pastor

- Going to Uganda was a great experience. 3 new people are interested in going next year
- Communicators for Christ plans on holding conference at Oakdale Emory August 18 - 20. Communicators for Christ works with young adults to help them write and share their faith and ideas.
- 3 day conference with middle schools. The Directors will be bringing an RV. The congregation is invited on Thursday. The Conference closes on Saturday.
- Anne Jordan is working hard on implementing “The City”, a new communications platform for Oakdale Emory. She is working on the module for the Children’s Ministry and Youth
- Dave Hagberg reports that link for signing up classes on the OEUMC website is not secure
- Leslie is working with Eileen Buzy and the SPRC committee on the employee policy manual

• Kevin Baker, Senior Pastor

- Had a wonderful experience at the Love and Respect Conference
- Kevin is planning the Fall schedule
- OEUMC is hosting the charge conference scheduled for November 6
- Kevin is pushing the Baltimore Washington Conference to provide OEUMC with a coach for creating satellite communities

6. **Committee Reports**–

- a. Trustee – Have done work on the outside of the building; Exploring options for HVAC

7. **Closing of the Meeting**

- Kevin Baker closed the meeting in prayer.