

Oakdale Emory United Methodist Church
Minutes of Church Council Meeting
February 15, 2011

Council Members in Attendance:

Dave Young	Leslie Myers	Scott Frederick	Joe Long
Kevin Baker	Bill Nullmeyer	Kevin Hagberg	Debbie Goldberg
David Deans	Eileen Buzy	Dick Harris	Annamarie Skinker
Ted Strahan			

Staff in Attendance: Anne Jordan, Lynn Steeley**Others in Attendance:** Alden English**Recording Secretary:** Damali Kajubi

1. **Opening and Prayer:** David Deans, Associate Pastor opened the meeting with a prayer
2. **Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes:** Kevin Hagberg and Leslie Myers had amendments to the minutes. Dave Young moved the motion to approve the minutes. The Council unanimously approved the minutes.
3. **Pastor's Reports**
 - **Dave Deans, Associate Pastor**
 - Still working on Worship transitions and coordination of a team and a Choir Director
 - Several items coming up include: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner – March 8 as a 30 Hr. Famine youth event and Methodist Men
 - An evening Service is scheduled on Ash Wednesday, March 9 at 7:30 PM, Kevin Hagberg will coordinate the service.
 - Katie Brock will be leading a Taize Prayer service in the Sanctuary a Mid-Day Meditation service every Thursday during Lent, the service will start at Noon and end at 12:45 PM.
 - **Kevin Baker, Senior Pastor**
 - Mission Sunday led by Mary Johnson was a great time of Celebration for our congregation as we reviewed and previewed the impact of our local and global mission opportunities at Oakdale.
 - Kevin invited everyone to the Love and Respect – Marriage Conference on Friday, Feb.25 and Sat. Feb. 26. It is one of the best marriage/couples conference around.

- Leslie Myers, Executive Pastor
 - Diaper Run for Uganda babies is scheduled on Saturday, March 5
 - Looking at returning to Uganda with a mission team in mid-June if all goes well with the elections in Uganda and there is general stability in Africa.
 - Looking at a new communications platform called “The City”. The City is a web-based software platform that enables the daily life, community, and ministry of the whole church

- Anne Jordan – Communications Director
 - Anne shared the Annual Report with Council Members. Corrections to the 2010-11 Annual Report may be given to her before 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 17.
 - She has reviewed the report and feels that overall it gives a good essence as to who Oakdale Emory is.

- 4. New Business –
 - a – Floor
 - No new business items were introduced

- 5. Old Business –
 - a – **Update on Capital Campaign – Kevin Baker** – Senior Pastor
 - Kevin has asked OCA/ARK to commit to making a substantial gift
 - Committee would like to have \$1.5M committed by April 24 - Easter
 - Kevin Lewis is willing to serve as Capital Campaign chairman. He will be meeting with Executive Committee on Wednesday February 19, 2011. The Executive Committee consists of Bill Nullmeyer, Larry Pendleton, Clark Kendall, and Leslie Myers
 - Kevin would like to have commitments from the Council members. He does not expect the members to contribute equally but he expects the members to sacrifice equally.
 - Capital Campaign Committee is waiting for pictures from the architect that the committee can use to motivate people to commit \$150,000
 - Kevin would like to announce amount committed at Easter.
 - Campaign Committee has held the architect to \$3M.
 - Committee wanted to clarify that the \$3M does not include upgrades to plumbing and HVAC
 - David Young, Council Chairman pointed out that his expectation had been that the plumbing and HVAC were part of the building plan.
 - Alden English reminded the Council that last year we deferred doing many things on the assumption that they were part of the building project
 - David Young requested the Committee to compile all the items that need to be done in one package. David felt that it is better to have a \$4M capital campaign than to have a \$3M campaign that ends up with additional costs.
 - Anne Jordan agreed with David Young that it is better to overestimate than to underestimate and ask for more money
 - Scott Frederick reminded the council that the money we are raising for the capital campaign was for new construction
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- David Young suggested that we should outline what we are going to do with the \$3M and also list the post-construction add-on items. It was very important to communicate this information to the big donors
- Alden suggested that we have to start developing a budget for the add-on items
- Debbie Goldberg, Building Committee representative was concerned that the Building Committee may not have all the items that will need upgrades by the April 25 meeting
- Anne Jordan wanted Kevin to clarify the timetable for his proposals.
- Kevin's goal is to have a 3-year commitment from about 20 large donors. It would be nice if he could get the big donors lined up before Easter
- Kevin wanted to know if council would make a commitment without knowing the add-ons.
- David Young summarized that he was pleased at the progress we had made with the campaign. It was nice to hear Alden English express excitement about the building project. It was also encouraging to hear that we could get 20 big donors.
- Bill Nullmeyer suggested that it was important to emphasize to the congregation that the giving is sacrificial

b – Giving Definitions – Scott Frederick – Chairman, Finance Committee

- This item was postponed.

c – Conference Guidelines on Checking Accounts – Kevin Baker – Sr. Pastor

- This item was postponed.

6. Committee Reports–

- a. Finance - Scott Frederick
 - Encouraging combination of higher revenue and lower expenses. We received \$11,000 more in revenue than the same period last year.
- b. Building – Debbie Goldberg invited council members to come to the Building Committee meeting on March 28, 2011
- c. SPRC- There were no questions for SPRC
- d. Trustees - There were no questions for Trustees

7. Closing of the Meeting

- David Young was pleased that we had had a healthy conversation about the capital campaign. We have moved away from talking numbers. David Young is open to suggestions on how to handle the council meetings
- Kevin added that 20 people joined the church and 2 adults and a baby were baptized