

**Oakdale Emory United Methodist Church
Minutes of Church Council Meeting
May 17, 2011**

Council Members in Attendance:

Ted Strahan	Eileen Buzy	Susan Lears –UMW
Leslie Myers	Joe Long	Bill Maynard
Patti Whitten	Dick Harris	Debbie Goldberg

Staff in Attendance: Anne Jordan, Lynn Steeley

Others in Attendance: Alden English, Bill Nullmeyer, Craig Lopsonzski

Recording Secretary: Damali Kajubi

1. **Opening and Prayer:** Leslie Myers Offered the opening prayer.
2. **Approval of Previous Meeting’s Minutes:** Ted Strahan moved the motion to approve the minutes. Joe Long seconded the motion. The Council unanimously approved the minutes.
3. **Old Business –**
 - a – **Giving Guidelines Manual –**
 - Item was deferred to the next meeting since Scott Frederick, Chairman of the Finance Committee was not in attendance
 - b – **Meeting Frequency Ideas –**
 - Council was supposed to vote on whether to continue meeting monthly. No decision was reached
 - Leslie Myers opened up a discussion about whether the Council should meet in June. Bill Nulmeyer suggested that the decision to cancel the June meeting should be made after the June 5 Congregation Meeting
4. **New Business –**
 - a – **Council**
 - June 5 Congregation Meeting**
 - Debbie Goldberg Co-Chairperson of the Building Committee reported that the Building Committee was looking forward to presenting the final plans at the June 5 Congregation Meeting
 - Rev. Vivian McCarthy, District Superintendent of the Baltimore/ Washington Conference was going to attend the meeting
 - The congregation would be asked to vote on moving forward with construction based on the proposed Phase 1 Plans
 - Only church members would be able to vote
 - Child care would be available
 - The congregation would be able to ask questions

- The Building Committee wants to present costs of the trustees projects to the congregation during the meeting. It will cost Oakdale Emory less if the Trustee projects such as roofing were handled during the Building phase.
- Debbie Goldberg moved a motion for the Council to vote on whether to approve \$60,300 for the next installment of the Design phase. Joe Long seconded the motion. The Council approved the motion unanimously.

b – Floor

- No new business items were introduced

5. Pastor’s Reports –

- Leslie Myers, Executive Pastor
 - Kevin Baker, Senior Pastor was away. He is returning next week,
 - Dave Deans, Associate Pastor is planning the DATT funeral
 - The executive has been invited to join the “The City”, the new communications platform for Oakdale Emory. The Council will be invited to join soon
 - Leslie plans a mission trip to Uganda between May 31, 2011 and June 21st. Three members of the group will be leaving on May 31 to visit an orphanage in Jinja, 50 miles outside of the capital. Leslie and three other members of the team will be leaving on June 10. They will join the first group in Kampala, the capital and travel to Gulu, in Northern Uganda to visit St Jude Orphanage.
 - Leslie requested Council members wishing to attend Willow Creek’s Leadership summit to contact her

6. Committee Reports–

- a. Trustee – the tower has been repaired
- b. Finance –YTD Oakdale Emory has \$5,500 more than we had planned. The church has spent \$6,000 less than planned. In April 2011, we took in \$18,000 more than April 2010.

7. Closing of the Meeting

- Council closed the meeting in prayer.