



# First United Methodist Church

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## FUMC GAINESVILLE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA 30 January 2018, 6:00 PM

***Note To All:** Church Council is focusing on doing God's work. Accordingly, please provide written reports to the secretary for the record and the webmaster for the website. Oral comments about reports will be limited to matters of extreme urgency, great significance or requiring action by the Council.*

**Welcome by Chairman**

**Devotional**

**Communion**

**Minutes: Approval of 28 November 2017 Minutes**

**New Business:**

**FUMC-G 2018 Budget**

**Preschool**

**Status**

**Budget**

**Trustee Committee's Activities**

**Laity involvement in transitioning to single pastor**

**Continuing Business:**

**State of FUMC-Gainesville**

**Administration**

**Leadership**

**Public Relations**

**Closing Prayer**

**Next Meeting: 27 February 2018, 6:00 PM**

**Thank you, keep smiling and God bless you!**

**Dan Greathouse, Chairman/Lay Leader :-)**



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## FUMC GAINESVILLE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 30 JAN 2018, 6:00 PM

**Attending:** Meredith Beaupre; Margaret Couch, Leon Couch, Muffet Emmanuel, Sandy Evans; Beth Farabee, Dan Greathouse, Kevin Johnson, Lynda Knight; Jim Nation, Janet Rocap, Becky Sammons, Carolyn Scheaffer; Elizabeth Shaw, Larry Shaw, Brendan Shortley, Joe Ward; Mike Woodruff

**Welcome:** Dan Greathouse

**Devotional and Prayer:** Dan Greathouse

**Communion:** Beth Farabee and Leon Couch

**Minutes:** The minutes from the meeting on November 2017 were approved as presented.

### **New Business:**

**FUMC-G 2018 Budget:** Beth Farabee passed out a paper copy showing budgeted amounts for line items in the 2018 budget. Beth also reported that we did not have any deficit remaining in the 2017 budget, mainly because a donor came forward in later December and paid the difference between revenue taken in and the budgeted income (a sum about \$20,000). Beth reported that we did not overspend the budget in 2017, but we did fail to receive all the expected income. Dan Greathouse called for a voice vote to approve the 2018 budget as presented, and the vote was **unanimous**. Leon is going to put the budget on the FUMC-G Web site as a pdf file (a type of file that one can look at but cannot change in any way).

**Preschool:** The Preschool finished 2017 with a surplus of about \$36,000, in addition to having been able to pay back \$8900 to FUMC-G that had been used in prior years by the Preschool, and \$4000 to pay an outstanding debt owed to the United Methodist Conference for pensions for workers. Becky reported that there are 53 children enrolled at present in Preschool, and there are 11 staff members. The DCF inspection was 100% fine. Becky called attention to two programs stated this past year, as follows: (1) VPK program that the state of Florida supports for 4 year-old children with 17 enrolled, and (2) School Readiness program with 2 children currently enrolled in the program.

**Trustee Activities:** Sandy Evans said that the Trustees met in January, 2018, and were studying several projects, including (1) more and better lighting at the front of the church, (2) a possible hearing loop in several places in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall, and (3) a "lift" to negotiate the 3 steps up into the hallway in Epworth Hall leading to several Sunday School classrooms and the Nursery in Epworth Hall.

**Staff Parish Pastor Relations Committee:** Chairman Joe Ward said that the Committee was establishing a liaison relationship between a Committee member and each FUMC staff member in order to promote more communication from staff to SPPRC. Joe and Kevin Johnson have been looking at personnel files to determine if they contain all the documentation needed for each staff member. Unfortunately, some documentation seems to be missing in some files and this oversight will be corrected.

**Laity Involvement in Transitioning to One Pastor.** Dan Greathouse said that more responsibility would have to be shouldered by the laity for some of the duties Kevin has been doing. Kevin and several others spoke briefly to this issue. Beth Farabee said that a good trend is that in several leadership areas, including SPPRC, Finance Committee, and Trustees, there are new persons in these committees.

No further business came to the Council and the chairman asked Janet Rocap to dismiss us with prayer.

**Closing Prayer:** Janet Rocap

**Next Meeting:** 27 February 2018, 6:00 PM.

The minutes were prepared by Jim Nation.