

ST. GEORGE ISLAND UMC ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 07, 2019, at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall

This meeting started promptly at 10:00 AM.

Rev. Brian Brightly provided the opening prayer

Pam Tullous provided the devotional reading

Pam Tullous read the St. George Island United Methodist Church mission statement.

The business of the meeting is shown below.

Rev. Brightly closed the meeting with prayer at a delightfully early 11:05 AM

Attending this Council meeting:

Marie Allen, Staff Parish Relations Chair (SPRC)	Sue Genter, Gracious Lunch Hostess
Marilyn Bean, Trustees Member	Joe Newton, Finance Committee Chair
Mason Bean, Lay Leader	Pam Tullous, Administrative Council Chair
Rev. Brian Brightly, Pastor/Worship/Nominations	Carol Wheeler, Putative Membership Secretary
Stanley Colvin, Financial Secretary	Ben Williams, Treasurer
Joyce Estes, Missions Chair	Pearle Wood, UM Women President
Fred Genter, Trustees Chair	Tom Wood, Secretary and Member at Large

Pam Tullous, Administrative Council chair, asks that, for 2019, that committee and work area chairs not provide a verbal report of their activities unless there is something new to report. Pam does want written reports sent to Tom for inclusion in the meeting minutes. When the draft minutes are prepared they will be posted on the SGIUMC Web site for review and correction.

Pam has revived our monthly newsletter; Valerie Williams will serve as editor.

Finance Committee Report

Joe Newton, Finance Committee chair, needs a fair market value figure for the SGIUMC parsonage because we pay a "SE" tax on the property. Kim Bentley is the accounting firm checking SGIUMC finances and is requesting the figure. The pastor and his wife need to have the same mailing address for tax purposes, so both will use PO Box 331, Eastpoint, FL, 32328-0331 as their address.

Joe's financial report (we are doing well) included paperwork that MUST be completed by anyone looking for reimbursement for money spent on behalf of SGIUMC. The documents are a Purchase Requisition Form, an Expense Voucher Form, and the Accountable Reimbursement Policy. Spending must be approved in advance by either the Finance Committee or by the Staff Parish Relations Committee.

At the end of the meeting Mason Bean, Lay Leader, asked about our internet/telephone costs seeming very high. Joe said the budget item includes television service as well. Mason said it still seems high.

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Missions Committee Report

Joyce Estes, Missions chair, will need a form created/used for payments on the newly purchased property in Eastpoint which will become Hope Park. For assisting with the purchase process, a new attorney will take over from the old attorney. For budgeting purposes, Joyce still wants a separate budget category for Hope Park; this will be worked out between Joyce and the Finance Committee. Joyce also wants a separate “Donate Here” button on our SGIUMC Web site in addition to the general donation button. This is more complicated than it outwardly seems, and will be addressed by the Finance Committee, Joyce, and Nikki Lindsey, our Web Master and Administrative Assistant. In the budget and on the Web site, Joyce prefers the designation “Eastpoint Missions” over “Hope Park.”

MOTION

Joyce Estes moved that SGIUMC set up a separate button labeled “Eastpoint Missions” for donations to that work area. Mason Bean seconded the motion. Fred Genter offered an amendment specifying two buttons, one for SGIUMC donations in general and one for Eastpoint Missions. The amended motion passed unanimously. Nikki and Pam will research this and get it done by the end of January.

Rev. Brightly added that the Eastpoint UMC will partner with SGIUMC for the Hope Park project. Joyce clarified that while the partnership is wonderful news, Hope Park is solely a mission of SGIUMC.

Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) Report

Marie Allen, SPRC chair, after checking with the Northwest District Superintendent, made clear that SPRC meetings are open to all who wish to attend. The caveat is, the part of the meeting dealing with staff and pastor issues may be closed to non-committee members.

Marie says that SPRC and the Trustees will be working together to resolve parsonage issues brought on by time and by Hurricane Michael, which struck the Panhandle on October 10, 2018.

Pastor Report

Pastor Brian Brightly reports that things are going well with the congregation, with missions, and with the SGIUMC 2019 priorities. He makes the point that, based on his 30 years of pastoral experience, the growth and strength of SGIUMC depends on the following (in order):

1. Preaching of the gospel
2. Longevity of the pastor
3. Missions activity
4. Creating small groups
5. Rotation of the lay leadership
6. Church hospitality

Rev. Brightly said that there will be an Ash Wednesday observance on Wednesday, March 6th, from noon until 1 PM, in the sanctuary.

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Trustees Report

Fred Genter, Trustees chair, was elected to the chairmanship by the other members of the Trustees committee. Fred points out that ahead of meetings the Trustees always check with the Finance Committee to make sure that money is available for their anticipated spending. Fred also points out that though giving to SGIUMC is way up in 2018 because of the Eastpoint fire and Hurricane Michael, those are designated funds for those purposes and not general funds available for church-wide projects.

Rev. Brightly requested of the Trustees the reinstallation of the second door between the sanctuary and the hallway, which will reduce noise interference between the sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall.

SGIUMC Facilities Requests for January, February and March

1. Pearle Wood, UMW president, requests use of the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 3, for the UMW Soup Sale fundraiser.
2. Tom and Pearle Wood, as civilians, request the use of the Fellowship Hall from Friday, June 14, 4 PM, through Saturday June 15, 6 PM, for a 50th wedding anniversary celebration. Tom and Pearle asked the amount of the usage fee, and Fred said the Trustees are working on that right now. The Trustees will get back with the Woods later.
3. Fred Genter is reserving the Fellowship Hall for Saturday, March 2nd, for a pancake breakfast fundraiser during the Chili Cookoff weekend.

Miscellanea

Stanley Colvin, Finance Secretary, asked if SGIUMC will be having Bible Study meetings in the future. Rev. Brightly will look into that.

Joyce offered an update on the mother and three children for whom SGIUMC is providing lodging after Hurricane Michael. Joyce and Melanie Inzetta, who heads the Eastpoint UMC Youth Center, have been working with them. The mother was recently arrested, Melanie kept the children in her home for a week, the Florida Department of Children and Families are involved, and the children will be going to the United Methodist Youth Campus in Madison, Florida, for longer term care.

Carol Wheeler contemplates taking up the Membership Secretary role.

Ben Williams is our new Treasurer, a role he has done before elsewhere.

Mason Bean is continuing as our Lay Leader.

Marilyn Bean is continuing as a member of the Trustees Committee.

Tom Wood is not only the Council secretary, he is also an at-large Council member.