

**St Matthew United Methodist Church
Administrative Board Meeting
July 27, 2008**

MINUTES

Members and Guests present:

Pastor Ron Perceful	Jerry Williams	Bob Dimski
Carl Sims	Karren Brown	Joyce Perkins
Joe Perkins	Virgil Todd	Theresa Todd
Jim Heath	Jocile Heath	Louise Barnett
Eddie Schreiber	Harold Alexander	Frank Barnett
Scotty Barnett	Bob Unruh	Charles Fullbright
Paul Specht	Carolyn Specht	Diana Hughes
David Hughes	Gayle Tatum	Carl Tatum
Betty Luttrell	Enna Mae Wilbur	

The meeting was called to order by Tom Miller, Chairman at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Ron opened the meeting with a prayer.

Review of Minutes

The minutes of the May 4, 2008 board meeting were unanimously approved as corrected (Terminex cost changed from \$490 to \$4,900).

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

Chairman Bob Dimski reported the following:

1. Income YTD \$220,598 on budget of \$412,274
2. All bills have been paid.
3. Apportionments paid to date and will be paid in full for the year by 10/31/08.
4. The stewardship campaign will be in September.
5. Requests for the 2009 budget are due by Oct 1. The 2009 budget will be complete by November 1.
6. Direct deposit is being implemented for employees and electronic debit for tithes and offerings will be available in 2009.

Trustees

Chairman Carl Tatum reported as follows:

1. The workday was a success. More than 50 volunteers completed edging, mowing, bush and tree trimming and clean-up. A hamburger lunch was enjoyed by all.
2. The hail damage claim for the roof is still pending.
3. A hail damage claim on the van will not be made because the damage was less than the \$500 deductible.

Staff/Parish Relations Committee.

Chairman Jerry Williams had one item to report: we are waiting to hear whether or not the secretary will be resigning.

Lay Leadership Development Committee

Committee chair Pastor Ron reported that we have one co-chair chair for the Communications Committee, but still need another.

Lay Leader Report

Chairman Virgil Todd reported on a variety of items from the most recent Ministry Team Leaders meeting. A copy of his report from that meeting is attached to the file copy of these Administrative Board minutes. Some of the highlights were:

1. Orange Sunday will be on Aug 24 because Aug 31 is Labor Day.
2. Attendance is up since Pastor Ron arrived.
3. The youth had a great mission trip to Alabama. Also, Youth Force was well-attended by our youth this year.
4. United Methodist Women are collecting school supplies and toiletries for the youth shelter.
5. The Fun and Fellowship committee will meet in late August or early September.
6. Children's Ministry items: Vacation Bible School was held last week: a new curriculum will be used for Children's Church and Sunday School and each room will need a TV and a DVD.

Pastor's Report.

Pastor Ron reported that small changes have been made in the Sunday services. He expressed encouragement with what he has experienced at St Matthew and sees much potential. A new worship service is being developed to reach a different group of people. It will begin in January. Pastor Ron will be away for two weeks in August to attend seminars on starting new churches and revitalizing churches.

Other Business

None

After Pastor Ron's closing prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30.