

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES
May 18, 2010**

Those present: Rev. Dale Batcheler, Rev. Alexis Williams, Chairman, Greg De Saulniers, Karen Berger, Al Brennecke, Edit Hodges, Ruth Jackson, Marki McKibben, Barb Matya, Duane Meyer, Meredith Miller, Bev Sloppy.

Chairman, Greg De Saulniers called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Rev. Alexis read a scripture reading and offered a prayer.

There was a brief discussion regarding the written minutes. Karen Berger moved the minutes be approved as written. Meredith Miller seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Rev. Alexis would like to see our congregation reach out to others in the Marshalltown area through the "641 Project". Several other congregations will join her in organizing an informal Thursday evening service from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to be held in Mega 10 Park, starting June 10 through some time in August. It will be all about creating sustained relationships. The service could possibly be continued in the fall at an indoor facility. Al Brennecke moved that Pastor Alexis has the Ad Council's blessings to pay \$100 for the deposit toward the reserving of the Mega 10 Park for the summer and to carry this project forward. Bev Sloppy seconded. A discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

Al Brennecke and Pastor Dave Beckman (First Presbyterian) would like to approach the Community Y travel program to see if they would consider putting together a bus consisting of members of the two congregations to Branson to attend the "Miracle of Christmas Play" and other Christian-oriented plays during a 2-3 day period in November or December, 2010. Karen Berger moved that the Ad Council give Al Brennecke the authority to pursue this project. Duane Meyer seconded. A discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

Rev. Alexis asked for prayers for the dwindling number of people attending FUMC services. Ways of being more creative toward increasing church-attending Christians were discussed. A cultural change is needed to show people how to invite others to our church.

Rev. Alexis will be officially ordained as an Elder on June 5, 2010, at Hy-Vee Hall in Des Moines during Church Conference. Ordination begins at 9:30 am.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman, Greg De Saulniers, at 6:35 p.m. Rev. Dale closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Marki McKibben, Secretary