**First United Methodist Church**

**Nacogdoches, Texas**

**Church Council**

**Minutes – February 9, 2017**

The Church Council met for the regular meeting on February 9, 2017 in the Church Parlor of the First United Methodist Church. Steve Westbrook called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and opened the meeting with prayer.

Members present were Steve Westbrook, Kathryn Robertson, Colleen Abernathy, Carolyn Ballenger, Carolyn Davis, Russ Hairston, Sid Abernathy, Cheryl Novosad, Joyce Hancock, Paul Smith, III, Mike Coffee, Lizzy Davis, Vikki Boatman, Terry Smith, Jeff McDonald, Loraine Brown, Lisa Labosky, Jim Jenkins and Jeff Campbell. Dan Taravella attended as a visitor.

The minutes of the December 8, 2016 were distributed, and approved as printed.

Mr. Westbrook introduced the new Council members.

The following written reports were presented and are attached to the official copy of the minutes: Staff Parish Relations Committee, Worship Committee, Missions Committee, Membership Care, Children’s Ministry, trustees, Finance Committee, Youth Ministry, and a report by Elsa Jordan, Director of Children’s Ministries.

Lisa Labosky reported that the school had conducted a lock down drill, and that registration for next year will be conducted on February 27th and March 1st and 6th.

Diane McGehee for the Texas Conference Office will preach on March 26th.

Financial Secretary Kathy Thomas had resigned and Kathy Branton will take her place.

The Budget for 2017 was presented and a motion to approve was made for the committee by Carolyn Ballenger. After discussion, the motion carried and the budget was adopted.

Jeff Campbell reported that he was pleased with the attendance of the youth.

Dr. McDonald reported that Boy Scout troop 100 needed to be chartered since the church where they had been no longer could accommodate them and moved that FUMC charter them. Dan Taravella, who works with the Boy Scout Troop chartered by FUMC stated that he had met with the leaders of that troop and hoped FUMC would charter that troop. The motion carried.

Prayer concerns were given and Rev. McDonald closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Kathryn Robertson, Secretary

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