

NACBA, Alamo Chapter
Minutes of Meeting on October 21, 2010 at 11:30 a.m.
University United Methodist Church, San Antonio, TX

Officers Attending: Jodie Sell, President; Chris DiSabato, Vice President; Dave Thomas, Secretary; and Debbie Vignes, Treasurer.

Members Attending: Gary Birdwell, Bill Edwards, Butch Gerfers, and Donna Shreve.

President Jodie welcomed us to the Second Annual Church Business Administration Day.

Following a gathering time and of sharing joys and concerns Bill Edwards opened with prayer.

Reports/Action Items:

1. Minutes of the September 9, 2010 Chapter Meeting were presented and approved.
2. Debbie Vignes, Treasurer, submitted the September report with an opening balance of \$2,002.89. Receipts were \$0.75 Interest. Expenses were \$12.00 for speaker meals and \$300 donation to SAMM. Ending balance \$1,691.64 plus \$10.00 in the business shares account.
3. President Jodie reviewed the future meeting schedule noting that we need host churches for February, April, and May 2011.

Program: How to Be a Better Administrator, by Rev. Michael Reeves, Pastor of Financial Discipleship at University UMC.

1. Rev. Reeves started with a commendation for Church Administrators and said success is more than a skill-set – it is communication. He talked about being a positive force in the church, as was Caleb after returning from the exploration of Canaan (Numbers 13 – 14). We need to take advantage of “teachable moments” with the laity – often an opportunity when they won’t talk to the clergy.
2. Rev. Reeves discussed some aspects of stewardship emphasizing we need to create a culture of generosity as a spiritual value, and not do “fund raising.” He suggested a book, *“Wealth in Families”* by Charles Collier. This book addresses many of the questions of concern to families of wealth, including ways to teach values to your family through philanthropy.
3. Finally, he shared several editions of *“Heart Matters,”* a quarterly publication of UUMC dealing with easy to read financial reports for church members.

Closing Comments: Gary Birdwell announced he is leaving Christ Church on November 1 for a position with SWBC, an insurance and financial services company. Norm Hils will be the part-time, interim Parish Administrator.

Next Meeting: November 11, 2010, 11:30 – 1:00 pm at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church. Patti Malott with Upright Ministries will provide the program.

Respectfully submitted,

David Thomas, Secretary