

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

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Second Quarter - Church Meeting **Held: Saturday, July 15, 2017**

Call to Order:

The 2nd Quarterly Church meeting was called to order by Diaconate Chairperson Carl Vinson at 9:27a.m.

Attendance: 28 in attendance (*see attached sign-in list*)

Devotional Song: “*This Little Light of Mine*”

Opening Scripture:

Deacon Carla Bunn provided the scripture from Proverbs 18:21

Opening Prayer:

The opening prayer was led by Deacon Trolice Flavors.

Remarks – by Deacon Carl Vinson

- Deacon Vinson opened by thanking the congregation for attending this morning’s quarterly meeting. He also thanked everyone for supporting him over the years in his leadership role at MLK as well as commended the congregation for supporting one another.
- He reported today’s meeting will be governed according to Robert’s Rules of Order.
- Rev. Johnny Youngblood is not on location today but will join us August 1st 2017. He signed his contract on June 26th 2017.
- Deacon Adrienne Lawrence and Sis. Leslie Turner, assistant church clerk, will support Deacon Vinson during today’s meeting. Our church clerk, Carla Bunn, is in attendance today as she recovers from surgery.
- Deacon Vinson informed the congregation that the Associate Ministers (AM) will preach 1st through 4th Sunday in July and visitor Rev. Dr. Naomi Peete will preach on 5th Sunday for Women’s Day.
- MLK Church has been invited to Daystar Baptist Church on Friday, September 15th, 7pm to celebrate their 27th year anniversary and bring words of encouragement. MLK’s Voices of Praise has also been invited to Daystar to sing. Rev. Donald Ward, pastor of Daystar Baptist Church, was a former member of MLK.
- Rev. Youngblood’s installation has been scheduled for Friday, September 1st 2017. The Installation Planning Committee members are:
 - Deacon Bobbi Sims, Deacon Chris Vinson, Sis. Carol Ziegler, Sis. Gwen Dupree, Sis. Leslie Turner, Deacon Adrienne Lawrence, Sis. Clarene Montgomery, and Sis. Betty Adams
- As a thank you to Rev. Barlow, MLK church presented him with a \$500 gift card upon his departure.
- Deacon Vinson informed the congregation that Rev. Ken Curl received a call from Protection One, our security company, last evening informing him that the church alarm had

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gone off. There were no church meetings scheduled for last night. After a brief discussion, it was identified that several members had entered the church last evening. Deacon Vinson reminded MLK church key holders to properly arm and disarm the alarm when entering and exiting the building.

Minutes – March 18th 2017

The 1st quarter Church Meeting Minutes were read by Deacon Carla Bunn, church clerk.

- **Action:** It was moved and seconded that the 1st quarter Church Meeting Minutes be accepted as read. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Church Clerk:

The 2nd quarter Clerk's report was read by Deacon Carla Bunn.

- The reporting period was March 1st through May 31st 2017.
- **Action:** It was moved and seconded that the 2nd quarter Clerk's report be accepted as read, with noted corrections on the date. The motion carried.

Deacons:

The 2nd quarter Board of Deacon's report was read by Deacon Carl Vinson.

Open Discussions/Comments/Feedback:

- Members inquired about the September 1st date for the Rev. Youngblood's installation. Specifically, the reason the installation is being held on Friday, September 1st as this date is fast approaching. Deacon Vinson informed the congregation that the date was chosen by Rev. Youngblood and the guest he has invited to his installation, as well as several other factors that were considered when finalizing the September date. While Rev. Youngblood and Deacon Vinson acknowledge the September 1st timeline is aggressive, the timeline remains in line as outlined in the Pulpit Search Committee manual.
- **Action:** It was moved and seconded that the 2nd quarter Deacon's report be accepted as read. The motion carried.

Recommendation:

Deacon Vinson submitted a recommendation to the congregation to establish a Pastoral Relations Committee for Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Baptist Church. He provided the purpose of the committee, introduced the committee members and qualifications of appointed committee members.

- **Action:** It was moved and seconded that the Recommendation be accepted as proposed. The motion carried.
- The congregation provided feedback on the recommendation. Rev. Youngblood is aware and is in support of the recommendation.
- The duration of the committee is 1 year.

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Trustees:

The 2nd quarter Trustees report was read by Betty Adams, Chairperson Trustee Board.

Open Discussions/Comments/Feedback:

- The congregation was in agreement that the Trustees have done an excellent job the past quarter and commended them for their service.
 - The Trustees reported a fair and equitable compensation package was offered to our new pastor, Rev. Youngblood. The package was affordable for MLK and was sufficient to provide an acceptable standard of living for our new pastor.
 - A discussion ensued about the issues occurring with Falaam Church. Sis. Betty Adams informed the congregation that a meeting has been scheduled with Pastor Kipp of Falaam to address MLK's concerns.
 - A recommendation was made that future Trustee reports show consistency throughout the report. The feedback was noted by the Trustees for future reporting.
 - The Trustees will be seeking next steps (small claims court) to rectify the issue of the chairs purchased for our church, months ago. The total cost of the chairs was \$3400.
 - The congregation briefly discussed the total cost of the playground project, reporting that the Youth Department raised \$13,000 for the playground and the installation of the playground. However, additional cost may incur after the installation begins. The playground is scheduled to be installed the summer of 2017.
 - It was highlighted that the Youth Department raised \$1200 through donations and various other sales for their 2017 retreat; MLK did not have to provide any funds toward the retreat.
 - Discussions occurred surrounding the black container currently on the church grounds and the various ways the container could be used should it remain on the grounds. The Trustees will meet and make the final decision on the use/removal of the black container.
- **Action:** It was moved and seconded that the 2nd quarter Trustee report be accepted as read. The motion carried.

Mission Opportunity:

Mr. Guy Williams, Human Services Manager, with the City of Renton was invited to today's Quarterly meeting by Deacon Carl Vinson. Mr. Williams presented ministry outreach concepts surrounding the homeless population. Mr. Williams is looking to encourage other churches in the Seattle area to participate in co-ed adult cold weather shelters during the winter months – approximately 15 – 20 nights per year. The cold weather shelters operate when the temperatures fall below 34 degrees for a period of 24 hours and when other shelters in the King County area are open. Each cold weather shelter would provide space for about 25 individuals along with mats - providing breakfast would be optional. The mats would be housed at the shelter location. Mr. Williams indicated cold weather shelters and county agencies work together to determine hours of operation each night. Each shelter would require 1 staff and 1 volunteer onboard per night. Mr. Williams informed the congregation that funding is available from the city to offset expenses.

The second and newest concept is the vehicle rescues. This concept requires the use of the church parking lot to park 6 – 10 vehicles and/or recreational vehicles during the week; the cars would be

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removed prior to Sunday service. This concept would also require the use of a portable restroom on the church grounds and a lot attendant for staff to manage the needs of vehicles.

Mr. Williams has proposed the above outreach ministries to MLK. The congregation shared their thoughts and provided feedback. A small group within MLK will be organized to vet the above ministry concepts and will provide their recommendations to the congregation following their review. The group members will consist of: Deacon Carla Bunn, Deacon Michael Billingsly, Sis. Jeaneatte Fraizer and Rev. Toni Booker, will serve as chair.

- **Action:** The working group will provide feedback at the 3rd quarter church meeting.

Treasurer:

The 2nd quarter Financial Report was read by Steve LaBoo, Treasurer.

- **Action:** It was moved and seconded that the 2nd quarter Financial Report be accepted as read. The motion carried.

Open Discussions/Comments/Feedback:

- The congregation ensued in discussions surrounding Rev. Youngblood's living accommodations once he relocates to Washington.
- It was moved and seconded that a "special" church meeting be scheduled to discuss the purchasing of property for the incoming pastor. The motion was to call a "special" church meeting to purchase property for investment purposes only.
- The amendment did not carry; 1 abstention. The original motion that a "special" church meeting be scheduled to discuss the purchasing of property for the incoming pastor also did not carry almost unanimously with 1 Yes. The remaining attendees voted no.

Other Church Business:

- Vacation Bible School will begin July 16th with the kickoff and classes begin on July 17th.

Action: It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 12:05pm. The motion carried.

Closing prayer was led by Rev. Toni Booker.

Humbly submitted by,

Leslie Turner
Assistant Church Clerk

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Postscript: Printed reports provided:

Christian Education Board – Jackie George
Men’s Report – Trolice Flavors
New Members Ministry – Clarene Montgomery
Pulpit Search Committee – Eleanor Lockett
Sunday School Report – Deloris Gillis
Ushers Report – Anna Flavors
Voices of Praise – Helen Jones
Youth Department – Eleanora Northington
Women with a Purpose – (n/a)