

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Baptist Church

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Rev. Dr. Linda M. Smith,

Transitional Pastor

MINUTES

First Quarter Church Meeting

Saturday, March 18th, 2023 – Approved 6.13.2023

Call to Order	The MLK Church Business meeting was called to order at 9:00a.m.by Rev. Dr. Smith.
Attendance	There were 24 in attendance. <i>(Attendance sheet attached.)</i>
Scripture	The morning scripture was read by Deacon Dwight Graves, <i>Romans 12:3-10</i> , then Deacon Graves shared a song to offer inspiration and encouragement to the congregation.
Prayer	Deacon Dr. Graves provided the opening prayer.
Ministry Business	<p><u>1st Quarter Clerk's Report:</u> The 1st quarter Clerk's report was provided to the Congregation and read by the church Clerk, Leslie Turner. A motion was made, seconded and the Clerk's Report was approved.</p> <p><u>4th Quarter Minutes:</u> The 4th quarter minutes (dated September 10th) were provided to the Congregation and read by Leslie Turner. A motion was made, seconded and the minutes were approved.</p> <p><u>Special Budget Minutes:</u> The Special Budget meeting minutes (dated January 28th) were provided to the Congregation and read by Leslie Turner. A motion was made, seconded and the minutes were approved.</p> <p><u>1st Quarter Deacon's Report:</u> Deacon Dr. Cheryl Graves, Diaconate Chair, provided a written report and read the report to the Congregation. A motion was made, seconded and the Deacon's report was approved.</p> <p>Deacon Graves informed the Congregation that the Deacons are actively working to contact members who have not attended service the past 90-days to ensure the church membership list remains accurate.</p> <p>Deacon Graves reminded the Congregation that Maundy Thursday service will be held on April 6th, 6:30pm. She will be contacting leaders/members to participate in the service as plans progress.</p>

1st Quarter Treasurer's Report:

Jonikka Lawrence, Treasurer, provided an update on the church finances. A discussion ensued surrounding the quarterly Expense & Income Statement. In previous meetings, the complete expense/income report was distributed and read during the meetings. Future meetings will include a financial summary as well as the full expense/income report with details. A motion was made, seconded and the Treasurer's Report was approved.

1st Quarter Trustee's Report:

Gwen Dupree, Trustee Chair, presented the 1st quarter 2023 Trustee report. Highlights from the 1st quarter include upcoming upgrades to the audio-visual equipment which will enable the church to begin to livestream and a brief update on the pending grant. A motion was made, seconded and the Trustees Report was approved.

Security Report:

Charlie Sims introduced the new MLK Security team which includes Charlie Sims, Terry Northington, Michael Booker, Donald Leonard, and Jonathan Thurman. He shared the security measures that have already been implemented and the security efforts that will be implemented soon, including security badges for the team and upgrades to the doors to ensure doors are secure but worshippers are able to enter while doors are secured. Members of the security team will be available each Sunday during worship service. If you are interested in joining the MLK Security team or have ideas to enhance the security team, please see Brother Sims. Security updates will be provided quarterly.

Pastor's Report:

Rev. Dr. Smith presented the Pastor's report focusing on our guiding principles, Reimaging, Equipping, Visioning, Inspiring, Victorious, Evangelizing (REVIVE.) Rev. Smith is pleased that all ministries are actively working to advance God's Kingdom. She encouraged the Congregation to stay focused on God and all that God has empowered each of us to do. Rev. Smith briefly mentioned discussions are occurring in the Outreach ministry to establish a Resource Center. Additional updates will be provided as plans develop on the Resource Center as we aim to reach, connect, and care for our community.

There are 5 Deacons currently in training. Training will occur over the next 6 months.

Rev. Smith briefly discussed the Compassionate Care Team (CCT), which is a ministry within the Diaconate Board. The CCT will assist in taking care of the Congregation. Charlie Sims has agreed to lead the team. A meeting will be

scheduled soon. A motion was made, seconded and the Pastor's Report was approved.

Other Business:

- Rev. Smith led a discussion around the starting time for Sunday worship service. Currently, MLK's worship service begins at 11am. The congregation provided feedback on a 10am start time versus 11am. A recommendation was made to adjust the starting time of the service from 11:00am to a start time of 10:00am beginning April 9th, 2023. A motion was made and seconded. Following the discussion and due to a lack of consensus it was determined that the start time will remain 11am. The motion was rescinded.
- Rev. Smith announced the Christian Education Board chair position is vacant. If you are interested in chairing the Board, please contact Rev. Smith.
- A recommendation was made for Deacon Bobbi Sims, Deacon Lee Lawrence, and Clara Gipson to the 2023 Nomination Committee. A motion was made, seconded and the motion was approved.
- Betty Adams and Clarene Montgomery will be decorating the Sanctuary for Easter. They will be decorating the Sanctuary with Easter Lillies. If you would like to donate \$12 or provide an Easter Lilly, please contact Betty or Clarene.

Prayer:

Deacon Carl Vinson closed with prayer.

Adjourned:

The meeting adjourned at 11:35a.m.

In His Service,



Leslie Turner
Church Clerk

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Sign in #1

Meeting: 1st Quarter / All Church Business Meeting

Date: Saturday, March 18, 2023

Time: 9:00am

NAME	NAME
1) Leslie Turner	18) Chus Vinson
2) Gwen Dupree	19) Elouse Huggins
3) Patricia	20) Mary Franklin
4) Selma White	21) James Mullins
5) Renee Wells	22) Deborah Bell
6) Rick Wells	23) Lee E. Lawrence
7) Bobbi Sears	24) Jonathan Therman.
8) Clarence Montgomery	25)
9) Betty Adams	26)
10) Dwight Graves	27)
11) Cheryl Graves	28)
12) Jessica Burns	29)
13) John Burns	30)
14) Carla Snow	31)
15) Jackie	32)
16) Charlie Sims	33)
17) Carl Vinson	34)