

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Baptist Church

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Rev. Dr. Linda M. Smith,

Transitional Pastor

MINUTES

Fourth Quarter Church Meeting

Saturday, December 16, 2023 – Approved 3.23.2024

Call to Order	The MLK Church Business meeting was called to order at 9:00a.m.by Rev. Dr. Linda Smith.																								
Attendance	There were 23 in attendance. <i>(See attendance sheet attached.)</i>																								
Opening Remarks	<p>Rev. Smith began by informing the Congregation that hard copies of today’s reports are limited due to issues (no toner) with the copier. Going forward, to save the church the expense of printing, all reports will be uploaded to the intranet prior to the business meeting to allow members to print reports at their leisure.</p> <p>Rev. Smith reminded us of the Shared Agreements that guide our meetings at MLK.</p> <p>Deacon Carla Bunn announced the Pulpit Search Committee will be meeting with the congregation following the adjournment of today’s business meeting.</p>																								
Scripture	<p>Deacon Jerome Herring opened with a scripture reading from Romans 12:1-4.</p> <p>The congregation shared their thoughts on how the spirit is moving within the church, common themes were growth, cooperation, and togetherness.</p>																								
Prayer	Deacon Dr. Cheryl Graves opened with prayer.																								
Nomination Committee	<p><u>2024 Election of Officers:</u></p> <p>The Nomination Committee (Deacon Bobbi Sims) distributed ballots to each member that attended today’s meeting. The positions available that appeared on the ballot were:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="570 1625 1360 1871"> <tr> <td>Trustees:</td> <td><i>3-year term</i></td> <td>2 positions</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer:</td> <td><i>3-year term</i></td> <td>1 position</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunday School Superintendent:</td> <td><i>1-year term</i></td> <td>1 position</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Assistant Sunday School Superintendent:</td> <td><i>1-year term</i></td> <td>1 position</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Youth Coordinator:</td> <td><i>1-year term</i></td> <td>1 position</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Assistant Youth Coordinator:</td> <td><i>1-year term</i></td> <td>1 position</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Christian Education Board:</td> <td><i>1-year term</i></td> <td>4 positions</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Assistant Clerk:</td> <td><i>3-year term</i></td> <td>1 position</td> </tr> </table>	Trustees:	<i>3-year term</i>	2 positions	Treasurer:	<i>3-year term</i>	1 position	Sunday School Superintendent:	<i>1-year term</i>	1 position	Assistant Sunday School Superintendent:	<i>1-year term</i>	1 position	Youth Coordinator:	<i>1-year term</i>	1 position	Assistant Youth Coordinator:	<i>1-year term</i>	1 position	Christian Education Board:	<i>1-year term</i>	4 positions	Assistant Clerk:	<i>3-year term</i>	1 position
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	<p>Deacon Sims reviewed the open positions and recommended that open positions be taken from the floor. A motion was made and seconded; motion approved.</p> <p>Nominations may be taken from the floor as long as the individual nominated is attending today's meeting.</p> <p>The Congregation voted on the above positions. Deacon Sims and Debra bell were assigned to count the votes and the results were presented to the congregation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Results of Election:</u></p> <table data-bbox="479 661 1404 966"> <tr> <td>Trustees:</td> <td>Audra Williams and Betty Adams</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer:</td> <td>Jonikka Lawrence</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunday School Superintendent:</td> <td>Deloris Gillis</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Asst. Sunday School Superintendent:</td> <td>Vacant</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Youth Coordinator:</td> <td>Deacon Jerome Herring</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Assistant Youth Coordinator:</td> <td>Deacon Alisa Vinson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Christian Education Board:</td> <td>Audra Williams, Clara Gipson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Assistant Clerk:</td> <td>Keah Thomas</td> </tr> </table>	Trustees:	Audra Williams and Betty Adams	Treasurer:	Jonikka Lawrence	Sunday School Superintendent:	Deloris Gillis	Asst. Sunday School Superintendent:	Vacant	Youth Coordinator:	Deacon Jerome Herring	Assistant Youth Coordinator:	Deacon Alisa Vinson	Christian Education Board:	Audra Williams, Clara Gipson	Assistant Clerk:	Keah Thomas
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<p>Ministry Business</p>	<p><u>3rd Quarter Minutes:</u> The 3rd quarter minutes (dated September 16th) were provided to the congregation and read by Leslie Turner. A motion was made, seconded and the minutes were approved.</p> <p><u>4th Quarter Clerk's Report:</u> The 4th quarter/annual 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 Pastor's Report:</u> Rev. Smith presented the Pastor's report which consisted of a letter to the Congregation, 2024 church calendar, and the Safety and Security Ministry and Protocols. <i>(Missing is the Impact report which will be sent via email.)</i> Rev. Smith read/reviewed the Pastor's report in detail.</p> <p>Rev. Smith reported the Nomination Committee that was approved at the March 18th, 2023, meeting is hereby terminated upon the certification of the voting that took place on December 18, 2023, meeting.</p>																

Pastor's Recommendations:

- Recommendation that the following members be appointed to the **2024 Nomination Committee:** Deacon Alisa Vinson (Deacon), Deborah Bell (Trustee), Clara Gipson, and Charlie Sims.
- Recommendation to appoint a **Congregational Care Team (CCT) Ministry** in accordance with Article X, section 1, Membership Committee. This team will be responsible for caring for the congregation, working with the Diaconate Board, and will be appointed for a 1-year term. The committee includes Gwen Dupree (Trustee), Rick Wells (Deacon), Rev. Toni Booker (Minister), Renee Wells, Charlie Sims, Aleigha Vasser (Deacon) and Clara Gipson.

A motion was made, seconded and the Pastor's report was approved.

4th Quarter Deacon's Report:

Deacon Dr. Cheryl Graves, Diaconate Chair, provided a written report and read the report to the congregation. A motion was made, seconded and the Diaconate's report was approved.

4th Quarter Trustees Report:

Gwen Dupree, Trustee Chair, presented the 4th quarter 2023 Trustees report. A motion was made, seconded and the Trustees report was approved.

4th Quarter Treasurer's Report:

Jonikka Lawrence, Treasurer, provided an update on the church finances. A motion was made, seconded and the Treasurer's Report was approved.

4th Quarter Christian Board of Education:

Deacon Carla Bunn, Chair of the Christian Board of Education (CBED) presented the 4th Quarter CBED report. A motion was made, seconded and the Christian Board of Education Report was approved.

Prayer:

Rev. Linda Smith closed with prayer.

Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30a.m.

In His Service,



Leslie Turner, Church Clerk

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Baptist Church

Sign in #1

Meeting: 4th Quarter/Annual Business Meeting
 Date: Saturday, December 16th 2023
 Time: 9:00am

NAME	NAME
1) Leslie Turner	18) Dwight Gears
2) CARIA BURN	19) Charles Sms
3) Jonika Lawrence	20) Jannia Kirby
4) JEROME HERRON	21) Andra Williams
5) Deborah Bell	22) Alisa Vinson
6) Boldai Sms	23) Lee E. Lawrence
7) Clavene Montgomery	24)
8) Owen Daprel	25)
9) Deborah Bell	26)
10) Clavene Montgomery	27)
11) Betty Adams	28)
12) Delicia Little	29)
13) Sara Gibson	30)
14) RICK WELLS	31)
15) Renee WELLS	32)
16) Elora Huggins	33)
17) Geneva Naff	34)