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Transitional Pastor

MINUTES

**First Quarter Church Meeting
Saturday, March 23, 2024 – Draft 6.22.2024**

Call to Order	The MLK Church Business meeting was called to order at 9:06a.m.by Rev. Dr. Linda Smith.
Attendance	<i>(See attendance sheet attached.)</i>
Scripture	Deacon Carla Bunn opened with a scripture reading from 1 Corinthians: 1 – 11.
Prayer	Deacon Rick Wells opened with prayer.
Opening Remarks	Rev. Smith began by reminded the Congregation that there will be no hard copies of today’s reports distributed. Instead, it is up to each member to visit the church intranet to print copies of the material. Once again, if you need the username and the password to the intranet, please contact the church office. Rev. Smith reminded us of the Shared Agreements that guide our meetings at MLK.
Ministry Business	<u>4th Quarter Minutes:</u> The 4 th quarter minutes (dated December 16 th) was presented to the congregation and read by Leslie Turner. A motion was made, seconded and the minutes were approved. <u>1st Quarter Pastor’s Report:</u> Rev. Smith presented the Pastor’s report which consisted of a letter to the Congregation detailing the work that has occurred the past quarter. A motion was made, seconded and the minutes were approved. Page 5, Pastor’s Recommendation: This item is not being presented as part of the Pastor’s report. Rev. Smith thanked the entire congregation for their commitment and dedication to MLK this past quarter. <u>1st Quarter Clerk’s Report:</u>

	<p>The 1st quarter Clerk's report was presented 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>1st Quarter Deacon's Report:</u> In the absence of Deacon Dr. Cheryl Graves, Diaconate Chair, Deacon Dwight Graves presented the report to the congregation. A motion was made, seconded and the Diaconate's report was approved.</p> <p><u>1st Quarter Trustees Report:</u> Gwen Dupree, Trustee Chair, presented the 1st quarter 2024 Trustees report. A motion was made, seconded and the Trustees report was approved.</p> <p><u>1st Quarter Treasurer's Report:</u> Jonikka Lawrence, Treasurer, provided an update on the church finances. A motion was made, seconded and the Treasurer's Report was approved.</p> <p><u>1st Quarter Christian Education Board (CEB):</u> In the absence of Audra Williams, Chairperson, Clara Gipson presented the CEB report. A motion was made, seconded and the Christian Education Board Report was approved.</p> <p>The congregation ensued in a discussion regarding MLK's scholarship funds. More discussion will occur during the June church meeting surrounding how scholarship funds can be available for students that need them.</p> <p>Action: The MLK Scholarship Committee will present all current scholarship funds to the congregation during the June meeting so the congregation can have a robust discussion about each of the MLK scholarship funds, including restrictions and criteria, for their intended use.</p> <p><u>Prayer:</u> Rev. Linda Smith closed with prayer.</p> <p><u>Adjourned:</u> The meeting was adjourned at 11:03a.m.</p>
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In His Service,



Leslie Turner
Church Clerk