

St. Mark United Methodist Church

Church Council Meeting Minutes

Date: December 10, 2023 **Time:** 12:30 pm **Location:** Room 111

In attendance:

1. Rev. Carolyn Stephens
2. Joel Black
3. Lilly Berrios (Virtual)
4. Eric Steverson
5. Robert Gilleo
6. Mary Abbott Waite (Virtual)
7. Tracy McArthur
8. Deana Hilton (Virtual)
9. Noey Barrera Disler
10. Mark Woods
11. Christi Elliott Earby
12. Viveca Richards
13. Greg Washington

- The **December 2023** meeting of the **Church Council** was held in person in Room 111 on December 10, 2023. Amber Stewart, Chair of the Church Council, Presided.
- The meeting was Called to Order at 12:30pm by **Pastor Carolyn Stephens**.
- **Rev. Stephens** led the council in prayer.

MOTION

- **Greg Washington** made a motion to **ACCEPT** the minutes as presented.
- **Noey Barerra-Disler** seconded.
 - Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Vision

Pastor Carolyn reported that only 5 people volunteered to be on the Communications Task Force.

Ministries

Hospitality

- Great movie night on Friday night.
- Lighthouse Church destination – start the process again. Application process will be completed by Robert Gilleo.

- Eric Steverson presented reports from Ministry Committees.
- Tracy McArthur suggested delaying the call for donations to buy a new flag.
- Discussion on focusing on pledges for gift-giving in the coming year and delaying the naming catalog.
- Robert Gilleo reported on a committee request to delay flag purchase until March.
- Safety concerns raised regarding hanging the flag on the bellfree.
- Proposal for a Youth Sunday where youth manage activities.
- Approval granted for a resident to stay in Wiggins House past graduation.
- Offer of a 6-bedroom apartment from a member discussed.

Finance

- Updates on wedding building use and expectations regarding the parking deck.
- Plans to promote and market the parking deck.
- Quarterly distribution of trust funds expected by the end of December.

MOTION

- **Mark Woods** proposed the following motion: To authorize the transfer of \$42,080 from the designated fund #88190, "Juniper Street Sale Income," to the 2023 operating budget revenue account #41120, "Interest Income from Juniper Sale."
 - **Christi Elliott Earby** seconded the motion,
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- A draft of the budget will be presented to the Council by the end of the year.
- Projection for insurance.
- Consideration of Directors & Officers coverage for Hadley.
- The insurance will be put out to bid once a year.
- Addressing an open roof claim.

Trustees

Endurability

- Discussion on the sensitivity of the North Wall and plans to address it.

MOTION

- Request Church Council accept the recommendation to make the 1902 roof and related items the next priority for funding and implementation.
 - **Christi Elliott Earby** seconded
 - Motion passed unanimously

Pastor's Report

- Update on Andy Peabody's placement, which ends on June 30th.
- Positive feedback received from clergy members.
- Discussion with Meaghan about staying on, she has decided to pause progress for ordination and extend until June 2024.
 - Pausing her progress for ordination June 2024 extended.

****Adjournment:****

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

****Next Meeting:****

The draft budget will be presented to the Council by the end of the year.