

St. Mark United Methodist Church

Church Council Meeting Minutes

Date: September 25, 2022 **Time:** 12:30 pm **Location:** Room 111

The **September 2022** meeting of the **Church Council** was held in person in Room 111 on September 25, 2022. Amber Stewart, President of the Church Council, Presided.

In Attendance

(In Person)

1. Pastor Carolyn Stephens
2. Amber Stewart
3. Mitch Foster
4. Eric Steverson
5. Greg Washington
6. Darrell Card Harper
7. Joel Black
8. Deana Hilton
9. Belva White
10. Robert Gileo
11. Kathy Fazenbaker
12. Roger Brown
13. Lily Berrios
14. Mark Woods

In Attendance

(Virtually)

The meeting was Called to Order at 12:32 by Amber Stewart.

Pastor Carolyn Stephens led the council in prayer.

Belva White moved to approve the August 2022 meeting minutes, Mitch Foster seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

REPORTS

Connectivity/Hospitality

- 9:00am first service outside
- Blessing of the Animals
- Digital Signage to be repaired
- Volunteers for Blessing of the Animals needed
- As a committee, we need to consider volunteering for these opportunities.
- Conscience effort by the members of the church to engage with people.
- Let's spread the word and be present.

Respectfully submitted by Eric Steverson, Church Council Secretary

Solidarity

No update

Ministries

- Referred to Karen Podett's detailed report.
- MOTION TO ALLOWING WIGGINS HOUSE TASK FORCE TO USE DESIGNATED FUNDS
 - Motion passes unanimous
- Discussion – is the mission still providing housing for home insecure women as designated by the George Brown Fund?
- Committee ensured that the mission with Georgia Tech will remain focused on women.\

Worship Committee – Roger Brown

- Worship committee – duties every Sunday. Ushers, make schedules, Acolytes and Crucifer.
 - Weekly care of the altar. Several people that help Roger, with the paraments, altar ware.
- Exciting plan for World Communion Day – October 2, 2022.
- What is the process for providing altar flowers?
 - Would love to have more fresh flowers.
- Take pictures for social media – training of acolytes, life of the church.
- Music Ministry – collaboration with Fine Arts – music on the patio.
- Transportation for people for mobility issues for Sunday and Wednesday.
- Halloween Trunk or Treat.

Solidarity

No Report

Finance

- Refer to reports distributed as part of meeting packet for August 28, 2022, meeting.
- **MOTION** to extend lease – Allow Darrell Card Harper – signatory
 - Joel Black – Kathy Fazenbaker – passed
- Lease expired – created burden to the church, church members can't come and it's becoming the height of the holiday season. Inconvenience, we asked Streetlights to increase their rent to offset the cost of the shuttle.
- **MOTION:** In order to cover the cost to October 1 estimated mid feb portion of ext lease payments from streetlights October 2
 - Belva, - Mitch
- Finance to come back to the council after review of the year, of budget items, to provide a list.
- Apportionment – we paid another \$5,000 within this last quarter.
- \$10,500 paid 1/3 of our apportionments.
- Audit – 2021 Report – wrapped by October 1, 2022, receive communication and conclusion.

- Traditionally approved memorial funds, to move to Operating Budget. Authorize that now and not wait until December.
MOTION: Authorize to move available spendable funds to move from Memorial Funds to unrestricted to operating budget including, before September 30, 2022
 - Greg seconded

Trustees

- Tree removal
- Endowment
- November 5 – Next Make Your Mark Day – Wiggins house and?
- Design team – color palette to use in the church

- **MOTION:** Approve the four members – Jason Whetmore, Mary Murray ,Karen Podett Donna Rosenmayer

- Decide on door colors for MYM

- **MOTION** Lilly - Endurability – two additional trees removed from the property – water damage – admin door. – estimated cost \$1570 of buildings and grounds fund. Mitch seconded

ACTION Item – donations page description of what the funds are used for.

All in favor, motion passed

Moved to Executive Session at 2:44pm.