

DFUMC Church Council Agenda

Date & Time:	May 17, 2026 – 12:00 p.m.
Location:	Room 316
Pastors:	Rev. Dalton Rushing, Rev. Laura Rappold, Rev. Blair Setnor
Council:	Council Chair Marshall Guest, Vice Chair Davis Edwards, Lay Leader Rick Gillig, Staff-Parish Relations Director Marion Dearing, Trustees Director Claiborne Adcock, Connect Team Chair Don Lang, Grow Team Chair Lindsey Hicks, Worship Team Chair Ruth Brown, Secretary/Treasurer Madeline Mulkey Ledford, Engage Team Chair Jim Kiernicki, Finance Chair Tom Barefoot
Staff:	Daniel Kasbohm, Executive Director

Agenda details:

1. Opening prayer (2 min) : Marshall opened in prayer at 12:04pm
2. Approval of March meeting minutes - Marshall (2 min) Rick moved to accept the minutes, Don accepted, and the minutes were approved.
3. Generosity Initiative - Dalton (20 min) Dalton gave an update on the “Generosity Initiative” Meeting with Alan Wilds, consultant from Generis doing a number of tasks.
 - a. Executive Team: Building out a broader steering team with 15 people with specific team members. First meeting 5/18. Plan is to calendar out the rest of the year. Daniel/Dalton met with Josh Andrews (Building Committee Chair) last week about next steps for the renderings would look like monetarily and the scope of the project. Plan is to put a Building Committee together, but will be waiting to see what support Josh will need in the upcoming months before building out the team.
 - b. Daniel highlighted the need to decide the plan for the building stages. Ex. Sanctuary, Gym, Entrance, etc.
 - c. Budget: Draft of the Budget for the Capital Campaign. Plan is for the money to be moved out of the ERC Fund.
 - d. Avondale Patillo Sale Tithe: Laura gave an update on the money the church is planning to tithe from the sale of Avondale Patillo, which is decided by the Engage Team. The desire is to use the money to make a greater impact for fewer causes vs. smaller impact for many causes. The goal would be to put the money towards “cycle breaking work.” Further discussions will be had by the Engage team and report back to the Council.

4. Emory Parking Lot lease – Claiborne (10 min)

- a. Claiborne Adcock gave the update: DFUMC has a 3 year lease on the parking lot with the Emory Hospital use of the parking lot. The plan is to approach their leadership on proposing a 1 year lease and giving them a heads up about our plans moving forward. In order to be good stewards of the relationship, the plan is to give them the information we have at the moment and then update them as we move forward. The Council discussed potential impacts of the project across the different ministries of the church, but all as possibilities since there are not any final plans yet.

5. Financial report – Tom (10 min)

- February financials - Tom Barefoot gave the financial update. Tom moved to approve the minutes. Rick seconded. Motion passed.
- March financials - Tom gave the update that the church had a strong cash position at the end of March. Quarterly financials are on the website. Tom moved to approve. Lindsey seconded. Motion passed.
- April financials - Tom gave the update on April, all are visible on the church website. Tom moved to approve the minutes. Madeline seconded. Motion passed.
- 2024 audit - Audit is complete, there was nothing surprising in the audit, and all results are out on the church website.
- 2025 review - audit is complete, thanks to Daniel Kasbohm for getting this completed prior to his transition. The audit will be found on the church website in the upcoming weeks.

6. SPR Updates – Marion (15 min)

a. Staff updates:

- i. Paul Mooring. Church Executive Director. He started work last Thursday and is working with Daniel as part of the transition.
- ii. Roy Firestone. Church Organist. Will join our staff in mid-June as our new Organist and Accompanist, with his first Sunday on June 21st. Roy brings more than 36 years of experience in church music, serving as an organist, accompanist, conductor, and even a film composer.
- iii. Ania Suri/ Director of Children and Youth Choirs. Will be joining us in August as our new Director of Children's and Youth Choirs. Ania is a conductor and vocalist completing her undergraduate degree in Voice Performance at the University of Toronto. This fall, she'll begin her Master of Music in Choral Conducting at Georgia State University, studying with Dr. Deanna Joseph.

- b. Madeline moved to go into executive session. Rick seconded. Council went into executive session.

- c. Madeline moved to go out of executive session. Marion seconded. Council ended executive session.

- d. Dalton offered thanks to Marion and Don for their assistance in the hiring of Paul.
7. Dalton closed the meeting in prayer at 1:10pm.