

DFUMC Church Council Minutes

Date & Time:	Nov 11, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.
Location:	Room 209
Pastors:	Rev. Dalton Rushing, Rev. Blair Setnor, Rev. Laura Rappold
Council:	Council Chair Clair Hope Wallace, Vice Chair Davis Edwards, Finance Chair Tom Barefoot, Lay Leader Rick Gillig, Staff-Parish Relations Director Kate Merrihew, Trustees Director Josh Andrews, Connect Team Chair Chris Opstad, Grow Team Chair Madeline Mulkey Ledford, Worship Team Chair Sybil Davidson, and Treasurer Julie Childs, Story Keeper Karen Horace, Engage Team Chair Michael Black

Agenda details:

- I. Opening prayer (2 min) - Laura opened the meeting in prayer at 9:08am.
- II. Approval of October meeting minutes (1 min) – Davis made a motion to approve the minutes, Chris seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- III. Personnel Policy updates – Daniel (5 min) – Daniel reviewed the personnel policy changes with the council. Chris motioned to approve the policy, Davis seconded the motion, and the personnel policy was approved by the council.
- IV. Financial Report – Tom (10 min) – Tom gave the financial report. We discovered this month that \$5,000 in expenses from earlier in the year were not showing up on the financial reports in the previous months (see *September Financial Notes*). We have consolidated our departments to mitigate the risks related to this issue in the future. Tom asked for the council to reapprove the adjusted financial statements for January through August. Josh made a motion to approve, Chris seconded the motion and the council approved the restated financials for 2023. Tom asked for the council to approve the September financials. Davis made a motion to approve the financials. Josh seconded the motion, and the council approved the September financials.
- V. Avondale Pattillo – Rev. Laura / Josh (1 min) – Madeline made a motion to move to executive session. Josh seconded the motion and the council went into Executive Session to discuss matters of real estate (See notes in separate document).

VI. Solar Panels – Daniel (1 min) – Daniel provided an update on solar panels. We are continuing to gather information from vendors. We currently have four vendors we are comparing. In terms of scope, we could install panels on the gym, on the sanctuary, or both. We did determine via Gary Garrett that the church building is not in the historical area of the city of Decatur, so we will not need permission from that group to install. The task force is not recommending solar panels on the parking lot at this time. We did explore the cost of batteries to store the solar power but also do not recommend installing batteries at this time. The council requested that we continue to get more information from the solar panel vendors. Chris asked about the current balance of the Sycamore account, which is about \$2M. The next steps for this project are: Talk to Erica at Georgia Power, request the remaining quotes from the other companies, and get a comparison of the scope of “Gym and Sanctuary roof” across all vendors.

VII. Old or new business - (5 min)

VIII. Closing - (2 min) – Clair closed the meeting at 9:46am

Next Meeting: Dec 10