

# DFUMC Church Council Agenda

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	<b>Feb 12, 2023 – 12:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Room 207</b>
<b>Pastors:</b>	<b>Revs. Dalton Rushing, Blair Setnor, Laura Rappold</b>
<b>Council:</b>	<b>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, Worship Team Chair Sybil Davidson, and Treasurer Julie Childs, Story Keeper Karen Horace, Engage Team Chair Michael Black</b>
<b>Guest:</b>	<b>Avondale Pattillo visioning team leader Andy Yates</b>

## Agenda details:

- I. Opening prayer (2 min) – Dalton opened the meeting in prayer
- II. Approval of December meeting minutes – Clair (2 min) – Michael Black motioned to approve the minutes. Chris seconded the motion. The minutes were passed.
- III. Council governance packet – Clair (5 min) – Clair asked the council members to sign the conflict of interest policy, ethical behavior policy, and the closed session policy.
- IV. Bank account signatories – Tom (2 min) – Tom stated that we are updating the names on the bank accounts. Tom and Daniel will be asking current signatories to sign the paperwork in the next few weeks.
- V. Avondale Pattillo – Josh/Laura (10 min) – Laura and Andy Yates gave an update on the Avondale Pattillo working sessions. Julie motioned to move to executive session. Michael seconded the motion, the council voted to move to executive session (See notes in separate document).

**VI.** Financial Report – Tom (5 min) – Tom stated that the council received the November financials last month. Tom moved to approve for the November financial report. Julie seconded the motion. The November financials were approved. Tom gave the December financials update. We had three pay periods in December which caused our December expenses to be higher than expected. Total income for the year is \$1.6M and the cash position for the church is favorable. Chris asked about how we communicate with new members about giving and Dalton stated this is part of the conversation with Coffee with the Pastors. On the preschool financials, the preschool is coming into the second half of the school year with a loss but this is pretty typical. Michael asked about the Engage budget – the Engage Team spent more than was budgeted but this was not reflected in the December financials. Tom and Daniel will review the Engage expense account with Michael. Tom gave the update on the Avondale Pattillo financials. The council discussed the funding sources for the Avondale Pattillo property – we are using both BEAT grant money from the conference and also proceeds from the sale of the AP parsonage to pay for operating expenses, and we are already seeing several organizations wanting to rent portions of that property. Michael and Dalton noted that the financial health of the church is pretty exceptional, given what we are seeing in other churches. Tom motioned to approve the financials. Michael seconded the motion, and the council passed the financials.

**VII.** Endowment and Bicentennial updates – Julie (10 min) – Julie gave an update on planned giving. On March 12, Tom and Julie barefoot will speak in the service about legacy giving. Julie has created a cheat sheet for how to do legacy giving without needing to contact a lawyer (and the United Methodist Foundation is also a good resource). We would like the letter to come out from the entire church council. Julie asked for any edits or question on the draft letter. Julie asked the council to approve a method of giving to specific funds in the endowment: if someone writes a letter with an intention to give to a specific fund, the church will accept that in the event of their death. The council approved this method for legacy giving.

**VIII.** Vision Team reports – (10 min) –

Chris gave the Connect team update. Cindy Peterson has joined the team. The church directory is almost complete, we are thinking about March as the timeframe for the directory to be ready. The church signage we discussed last year is being implemented and we are receiving positive feedback. Connect is hosting the bicentennial picnic and will coordinate volunteers for the April 22 concert. Connect will also be providing breakfast between the services on Easter. We also have a new funeral coordinator, Ruth Brown and she will be working with Christy Sawyer.

Madeline gave the Grow team update. Grow has five new members who are very engaged! The team is thinking about doing more one-day workshops (Similar to the Enneagram workshops last year).

Michael gave the Engage team update. The MLK Jr. Service Project went well! Julie mentioned that Michael Davis is willing to cater for Hagar's house (Jerry's famous catering also caters for DCM). There will be an earth day even on 4/22 at the Decatur Square. Engage is providing monthly assistance for cakes at Avondale Elementary this year. Engage has talked with A Home for Everyone in Dekalb about how to get people to use the county-provided warming shelter.

Dalton gave a Worship team update. Dalton has been talking to the United Women in Faith (previously UMW) about their interest in planning holy week services this year. Holy Week occurs during Spring Break this year. We are planning the following for Holy Week: a Thursday Taize service, a Good Friday noon service, and a Good Friday evening service. The council agreed that this is a good plan. Chris asked about the plan for Lent this year. Laura stated that we are working on a Lenten calendar that will be downloadable and also printed.

Karen shared that she is planning to direct us to dig deeper into the vision conversation that we had in November 2022.

- IX. SPR – Kate (5 min) – Julie motioned to go into executive session. Madeline seconded. The council went into executive session (See notes in separate document)
- X. Old or new business - (5 min) – Michael Black mentioned that we should remember to work on installing the electric car charger for the campus.
- XI. Closing - (2 min)

Next Meeting: March 12, 2023