

**ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI
REV. EUGENE BOGER, PASTOR**

Finance Committee Minutes for February 21, 2023

Members Present: Pastor Eugene Boger, Oliver Peebles (Chair), Jennifer Peebles, Clara Godine, Joe Godine, Josephine Virgil, Annie L. Stennis, Mary McLendon, Marjorie Alexander, Daphne Darden, and Kim Sterdivant (Minutes)

The Chairman, Oliver Peebles, called the meeting to order and lead with a prayer.

Minutes from the previous Finance Committee meeting (January 24, 2023) were read individually.

Annie L. Stennis motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Clara Godine seconded the motion. The committee voted. The motion was carried.

Treasurer Reports (see files)

Profit and Loss: (Delivered by Josephine Virgil) For the month of January, the total income is listed as \$11,277.00, the total offering is listed as \$10,235.00, the total expenses are listed as \$14,374.29, and the net operating income is listed as -\$3,097.29. The line item for Contract Labor (910) is higher than usual. The expenses include payments to Kim Sterdivant (\$300), Bessie Robinson (twice in the month of January - \$400 for January salary and \$450 for two days of detailed cleaning of parsonage listed on the February check requests), Shelia Walker (\$300), and Southern Lawn Care (\$780.42) for a total of \$2230.42.

Check Requests: (Delivered by Marjorie Alexander) The total Check Requests for the month of February is \$9,906.62. We have not received a Cokesbury bill for January or February. Marjorie Alexander will follow up to find out why a bill has not been received.

St. Paul General Checking Account: (Delivered by Oliver Peebles) For the month of January, the total debits are \$15,821.29, total credits are \$9,579.50, and the balance on the account is \$95,505.61.

E-Giving Checking Account: (Delivered by Oliver Peebles) For the month of January, the balance on the account is \$4,905.30, the total credits are \$2,587.60, the total debits

are \$24.95 for fees and service charges. A total of \$4500 was transferred from the E-Giving account to the General Checking account on February 17, 2023.

Mississippi Methodist Foundation Account: (Delivered by Oliver Peebles) The balance on the foundation account for the month of January is \$148,014.87. An explanation of how much interest was computed between the St. Paul and Maeola Turner Scholarship Fund was reviewed. Of the \$3335.39 received in interest, \$323.53 was distributed to the MLT Fund and \$3011.86 was distributed to St. Paul.

Notes: Computations for FICA and Medicare payments for Mr. Andrew Thomas were reviewed. A check for \$1606.50 will be made to the IRS for the period of July 1, 2020 and December 31, 2022 in the next couple of days.

Clara Godine made a motion to accept the Profit and Loss statement, Check requests, E-Giving account statement, General checking account statement, the Foundation Account, the Update on FICA and Medicare payments for Mr. Andrew Thomas, and the MLT Interest Calculations as presented by the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Josephine Virgil. The committee voted unanimously to accept the motion. The motion was carried.

Old Business: None

New Business: A report on the Charlie and Mattie Love Fund income and disbursements was reviewed. The grand total is \$14,199. Mr. Peebles has a copy of the checks to give to Greg Lane to be deposited. Everything on the report has been validated and we will keep a permanent record of the report.

A motion to accept the report as presented on the Charlie and Mattie Love Fund be entered into our records was made by Josephine Virgil and properly seconded by Marjorie Alexander. The committee voted unanimously to accept the motion. The motion was carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Clara Godine and properly seconded by Marjorie Alexander. The committee voted unanimously to accept the motion. The motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Administrative Council Minutes for February 21, 2023

Members Present: Pastor Eugene Boger, Josephine Virgil (Chair), Oliver Peebles, Jennifer Peebles, Clara Godine, Joe Godine, Annie L. Stennis, Mary McLendon, Marjorie Alexander, Daphne Darden, and Kim Sterdivant (Minutes)

Chairperson, Josephine Virgil, called the Administrative Council meeting to order and Pastor Boger opened with a prayer.

Oliver Peebles motioned to accept the Administrative Council minutes for January 24, 2023 as presented. Clara Godine seconded the motion. The committee voted. The motion was carried.

Financial Report: (Delivered by Oliver Peebles)

On behalf of the Finance committee, Oliver Peebles made a motion that the Trustee reports (Profit and Loss statement, Foundation account statement, Check requests, E-Giving account statement, the General checking account statement, Breakdown of Interests payments on Foundation account for MLT Fund and St. Paul, FICA and Medicare reimbursement payments for Andrew Thomas, and the Charlie and Mattie Love Fund reports) that were submitted and approved by the Finance Committee also be approved by the Administrative Council. The motion was seconded by Clara Godine. The council voted unanimously to accept the motion. The motion was approved.

Trustees Report: (Delivered by Marjorie Alexander): No report. The Trustee board has chosen to have meetings quarterly instead of monthly. We will not have a report until next month.

PPRC: (Delivered by Clara Godine): No report. The PPRC has not met since the last Administrative Council meeting. There is a meeting scheduled for this upcoming Tuesday.

United Methodist Women in Faith: (Delivered by Jennifer Peebles) The UMW were asked by Eris Sims to supply paper products, drinks, water, and desserts for Eris Jordan's passing. I want to thank the ladies who assisted with that and have been helping with our sick and shut in members.

United Methodist Men: The UMM did meet and have a productive meeting. One thing that was discussed was the golf tournament. We are still planning on the golf tournament on May 20, 2023. Eris Jordan was very supportive of the golf tournament

and usually donated enough to assure that we would have a profit at the end of the year. Without that donation this year, we are hoping that the men will step up and we are asking the UMW to help out in the planning process. We will need the ladies' help if we are going to successfully go through with the tournament.

Sunday School / Christian Education (Annie L. Stennis / Joseph Godine): No report

Clara Godine made a motion to accept the United Methodist Women in Faith and the United Methodist Men reports. The motion was seconded by Annie L. Stennis. The council voted unanimously to accept the motion. The motion was approved.

Altar Guild: (Mary McLendon): Mary McLendon washed and changed the tablecloth in the Sunday School Room / Fellowship Hall when she changed out the altar to reflect the season. It has been a year since the tablecloth was changed out. She also swept the floor and removed the trash. She requests that someone notifies the custodian that the room will be used three times a week for the next six weeks and that it needs to be cleaned regularly after use.

Oliver Peebles motioned to accept the Altar Guild report as presented. Annie L. Stennis seconded the motion. The committee voted. The motion was carried.

Kitchen: No Report

Communion Stewards: (Delivered by Jennifer Peebles on behalf of Margaret Jah) The communion elements have been ordered and should be available by the first Sunday in March.

Courtesy Committee: (Delivered by Jennifer Peebles): I have not received the Courtesy Committee budget for 2023. As soon as I receive it from the pastor I can deduct the \$200 for the check that was written to Eris Sims for Eris Jordan's repast.

Annie L. Stennis motioned to accept Communion Stewards and Courtesy Committee reports as presented. Clara Godine seconded the motion. The committee voted. The motion was carried.

Mission: (Delivered by Daphne Darden): The 4th Sunday in March is Encore Sunday where you are asked to make a donation. When you make your checks out to the church in March, please earmark a portion for Encore Sunday. I'm still trying to set a date for the two women to come speak with us about what Encore actually does.

Clara Godine made a motion to accept the Mission report. The motion was seconded by Marjorie Alexander. The council voted unanimously to accept the motion. The motion was approved.

REPORT OF THE PASTOR

1. From March 2 - 9, I will be representing Gammon Theological Seminary in Belfast, Ireland.
2. I'm requesting Pulpit Supply for March 5, 2023. The PPRC will meet next Tuesday for an official approval.
3. For the 1st Sunday, an elder or retired elder will be needed to administer the sacrament of Holy Communion in the pastor's absence. In the event that the elders are unavailable, the committee discussed the following methods for the communion service:
 - a. A virtual service hosted by Pastor Boger on the 1st Sunday
 - b. Moving the communion service to the 2nd Sunday (March 12, 2023)
4. Daphne Darden can arrange for the two ladies to speak about Encore Sunday on the 4th Sunday of March. She will call to confirm tomorrow.
5. Lent Season: Ash Wednesday services will take place tomorrow at noon (in person) and 6pm (in person and online). St. Elizabeth will have Bible Study on Thursday. St. Paul will have Luke study led by Daphne Darden on Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall, Bible Study on Wednesday at noon and 6pm, and Spiritual Writing Small Group on Thursday at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall. After midnight, this information will be available on our website.

Clara Godine motioned to accept the pastor's absence from the pulpit on March 5, 2023 and that it be filled by the appropriate person. Marjorie Alexander seconded the motion. The committee voted. The motion was carried.

Mary McLendon motioned to have Communion on the 2nd Sunday, March 12th, 2023. Jennifer Peebles seconded the motion. The committee voted. The motion was carried.

Observation from Annie L. Stennis: A year or two ago someone said they would have the offering plates cleaned or polished. There are also new inserts needed. This will be brought up to the trustee board for discussion.

Pastor Boger closed the meeting with a prayer.