Lutie Watkins Memorial Methodist Church

GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH · LLANO, TEXAS

CHURCH COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

DATE	LOCATION	STATUS
Monday, October 19, 2026	LWMMC Fellowship Hall	Approved Nov 16

PRESENT	Carol Faulkenberry (Chair), Lauren Timms, Dr. Sky Forrister, Jena Garnett, Kelly Johnson, David Griffith, Carol Cunningham, Angela Buttery, Rob Wilson
ABSENT	Dale Stelzer, Blake Schultze, Janet Brown, Malinda Hoerster
GUESTS	Rev. B.J. Rogers

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

1 Opening Prayer

Opening prayer

Opening prayer was offered by Rev. Bryan Rogers.

2 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the September 14 meeting

The following corrections were made to the September 14 minutes: Kelly Johnson was present and was added to the roll, and the spelling of "Forrister" was corrected.

> MOTION
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> Approve the September 14 minutes as corrected.
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> Moved by Rob Wilson · Seconded by Sky Forrister — **Motion carried**

3 Teaching

Organizational Chart: Simplified Board Model *Pastor Bryan*

Pastor Bryan presented an organizational chart to clarify how the church functions under the Global Methodist simplified (single) board model.

Old model: Church Council, Trustees, Finance, and SPRC each met separately with nine or more members each. In practice, four groups could say no, but none could say yes.

Oversight (left side of chart): The Church Council now carries the functions of Trustees, Finance, and SPRC. Meetings are open to members. The council goes into closed session only for HR, legal, or other sensitive matters, with the pastor or the Presiding Elder present for SPRC matters. The council's job is to facilitate ministry, not to do it. That means setting the budget, staffing positions, and casting vision (for

example, calling for a discipleship plan that the ministry side then builds).

Ministry side (right side of chart): The Bishop and Presiding Elder oversee the pastor. The Presiding Elder also serves the council and helps navigate any conflict between the pastor and council. The senior pastor acts as "conductor," equipping coordinators and teams rather than playing every instrument.

Coordinators: Miranda (Children) and Kemp (Youth, interim). Adult Ministries is open and could be filled by a paid or volunteer coordinator. Each area builds its own teams, along with pastoral care, visitation, missions, and safety and security. Pastor Bryan described this as a culture change: ministry belongs to the whole congregation, not only to paid staff.

Discussion: Members said the visual clarified what the council has been working toward and noted the council already works this way through small task teams that report back. Clarity is still needed on staff roles (Miranda, Mary Ellen). The incoming Youth/Associate position would serve as the go-between for the children's coordinator and the pastor. In response to David, Bryan affirmed that an administrative staff role such as facilities coordinator would sit on the oversight (left) side of the chart.

4 Reports

Financial Report

The unrestricted operating fund balance was $12,959 as of September 30. The balance fluctuates with payroll and bill timing.

Social Security and pastor's pension lines fluctuate based on when reports are filed. Deductions are being taken correctly.

Bryan will confirm the interest rate on the church's van loan through LNB.

The circulated report was run for all funds rather than the operating fund. A corrected report was re-run.

Some payroll checks and payments were posted in October instead of the months they belong to. Journal entries will correct this.

Members expressed a desire to move bookkeeping to QuickBooks.

Budget Team: process ongoing.

Facilities Report *David Griffith*

A window in the FLC was broken, likely by a rock thrown during mowing. Replacement glass is expected around October 30. No insurance claim will be filed.

Roof: more leaks were found after the last rain. The roofing company is working on solutions.

An FLC wall panel near the closet will be re-laid because the panels were originally installed overlapping in the wrong direction.

Lighting work was approved (see Old Business).

5 Old Business

Youth Director / Pastor Search

The search is slow. Two candidates have emailed; one is not a fit, and the other is still under review.

Parents report the youth ministry is strong and growing, especially among senior high.

Bus & Van Policy

Sky rewrote the existing policy in plain language tailored to Lutie Watkins and consolidated the forms, including the reservation form. Key points: track who is driving and when; do walk-arounds before and after use; report any new damage.

> **MOTION**
> Approve the Bus & Van Policy as a working document, with needed changes to follow at the November meeting.
> Moved by Sky Forrister · Seconded by David Griffith — **Motion carried**

Building and Security Protocol

Moved to the back burner for now.

100-Year Rededication Celebration

Will Gregory plans to co-lead the service. Carol Cunningham has gathered historical material with Lisa Miller and Angela; a meeting is set with Pastor Bryan. The meal will be catered by Inman's, with cake by Julie.

Stewardship Team Update

David G. proposed streamlining the custodial contract by defining specific daily, weekly, and periodic duties, and reducing contracted hours from 40 to 20–30 per week, and adding a part-time facilities coordinator to handle repairs and serve as the contact for contractors.

Priorities: floors, restrooms, trash, and sanctuary carpet. Weekly floor buffing is not needed. The sanctuary carpet should be cleaned before November 15.

A "Pink Sheet" work-order process was proposed so that facility concerns are documented and routed through the proper channel. Lauren stressed a clear chain of command and communication. Facilities staff would report to the facilities coordinator.

The current contract can be amended. The custodial team has not yet been consulted.

David G., Lauren T., Rob W., and Pastor Bryan will bring a recommendation before year-end, within the existing budget.

Upgrades and Renovations: Lighting

Bid from Common Ground: $7,585 for restroom, hallway, kitchen, and exterior lighting, parking lot lights, and the buzzing emergency light. Some fixtures must be replaced in pairs because matching parts are no longer available.

Priorities: restrooms first, then the parking lot given shorter days. The Main Street side is dark at night.

Funds: $6,278 remains between the building improvements and maintenance/repair lines, plus $6,000 in the building fund, for about $12,000 available.

> **MOTION**
> Accept the lighting bid and proceed, including requesting motion lights at the back and side doors.
> Moved by David Griffith · Seconded by Jena Garnett — **Motion carried**

Playground

No update.

6 New Business

Council Reading: Autopsy of a Deceased Church (Thom Rainer) *Pastor Bryan*

Pastor Bryan assigned the book to the council to read before the November meeting. It is about 100 pages, with questions and a prayer at the end of each chapter. Members should write down their answers and questions.

Bryan was clear that he does not believe Lutie Watkins is dying. He chose the book because healthy churches face hard questions early. With significant growth expected in Llano County, the council needs to decide who we will be as a church and share a common language for that conversation.

The follow-up book is Anatomy of a Revived Church. A large portion of the November meeting will be given to discussion.

7 Other Items

Family Life Center Security

The Family Life Center door was found wide open on Saturday morning after being confirmed locked the night before. This is an ongoing security concern.

Storage

Closets have become catch-all storage. The closet in the gym has been cleaned. Old choir music folders fill another; check with Forrister H. on what to keep.

8 Announcements

Next meeting

Monday, November 16, 2026.

9 Action Items

Task	Who	Due
Bring final revisions to the Bus & Van Policy to the November meeting	Sky Forrister	
Recommend custodial contract changes and a part-time facilities coordinator role, within the existing budget	David Griffith, Lauren Timms, Rob Wilson, Pastor Bryan	Dec 31
Have the sanctuary carpet cleaned		Nov 15
Confirm the interest rate on the van loan with LNB	Pastor Bryan	
Post journal entries to correct payroll and payments posted in the wrong month		

Proceed with the Common Ground lighting bid; request motion lights at back and side doors	David Griffith	
Continue the Youth Director / Pastor search	Pastor Bryan	
Gather historical material for the 100-Year Rededication; meet with Pastor Bryan	Carol Cunningham	
Read Autopsy of a Deceased Church; write down answers and questions	All council members	Nov 16
Decide which old choir music folders to keep		

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rev. Bryan Rogers, Senior Pastor