

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

Minutes: Special Church Conference

Exploratory Development Committee Recommendation

- Presiding Elder: Rev. Dr. Cynthia Weems, Southeast District Superintendent
- Recording Secretary: Corina Dekker
- Membership Secretary: Michelle Marcos
- **AGENDA:**
 - Welcome: Hedy Collver, Senior Pastor
 - Purpose of Conference & Opening Prayer: Cynthia Weems, District Superintendent
 - How We Got Here: Hedy Collver
 - Introduction of EDC, Trustees, Leadership Team, & Church Council: Hedy Collver
 - Financial Rationale for Exploration: John Archer, Finance Chair
 - Presentations:
 - Alex Morcate, The Stockton Group & Lecturer at University of Miami School of Architecture
 - 13th Floor/Adler, recommended development partners
 - Introduction of Church Members Involved in the Process: Cynthia Weems
 - History of First Coral Gables: Robert Gray, EDC Member
 - The Growing Place School: Corina Dekker, Head of School
 - Facility Maintenance Issues: Joe Vaughn, Board of Trustees Chair & EDC Member
 - The EDC Experience: Marlin Ebbert, EDC Member & Church Council Member
 - Closing Remarks: Hedy Collver
 - Questions & Discussion: Cynthia Weems
 - Roving Microphone: Pete Fernandez
 - Responses (as appropriate): Alex Morcate, 13th Floor, Duff Matson, John Archer, Hedy Collver
 - Call for Motion/Vote: Cynthia Weems
 - Motion by Joe Vaughn: “For First United Methodist Church of Coral Gables to accept the March 29, 2023 Partnership Proposal (referred to as the Letter of Intent) from 13th Floor/Adler, and to have the Board of Trustees sign the agreement.”
 - Seconded by: Frank Brezina
 - 13th Floor/Adler asked to leave the room for the vote
 - Motion passed: 55 votes for (92%), 4 votes against (7%), 1 abstention (1%).
 - Conclusion & Prayer: Cynthia Weems