

**Minutes**  
**North United Methodist Church**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**April 24, 2019**  
**5:30 p.m.**

***Members Present***

Ron Gifford, Chair  
Marie Powell, Vice Chair  
Troy Barker, Secretary  
Jacqueline Blackwell (LL)  
Alan Archibald (LL/MC)

Jeff Bonner (Trustees)  
Peter Chen (At large)  
John Drake (Finance)  
Leslie Knox (At large)

***Ex Officio***

Darren Cushman Wood  
Marie Lang, Finance Director

***Members Absent:***

Jack Leonard, Treasurer

Jeff Eggert (At large)

Linda McClain (SPRC)

1. The meeting Began at 5:30 with opening prayer led by Pastor Darren.
2. The minutes of the March 27, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.
3. Update on North Church finances (Marie Lang)
  - Due to inaccurate numbers, no financial reports were provided for this meeting.
  - Marie provided a summary of some of her activities since joining the staff.
    - Reconciliation of bank statements has occurred with no discrepancies.
    - It was identified that pension payment(s) had not been paid and has now been addressed.
    - It was identified that several contribution checks had not been deposited. Once this was identified the checks were deposited.
    - Contribution report was not mailed out for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter but will resume in 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter.
  - Marie may briefly employ the services of a retired accounting professional that is a member of North to help get caught up.
  - The annual audit by our accounting firm was moved to mid-summer.
4. Debrief meeting with Bishop Trimble and District Superintendents.
  - The group discussed the recent meeting where the board met with Bishop Tremble and our outgoing and incoming District Superintendent. The group felt the meeting was an honest and sincere conversation with all parties.

## 5. Update on website/shared document drive (Pastor Darren)

- Discussion occurred regarding the church's policy that minutes from board meetings be maintained on the church's website for 13 months. The Steps Advancing Transparency (SAT) document was discussed. The SAT was reviewed, without any changes.
- In addition to the website being used to store 13 months of committee minutes Darren will also set a google drive for church leadership to easily access archived information.

## 6. Committee/Board/Senior Pastor Reports

- Trustees – (Jeff Bonner)
  - It was reported that the water heater was recently replaced
  - The following items are being considered as future projects:
    - Door Locking Mechanisms,
    - Main Outdoor Signage (38<sup>th</sup> & Meridian),
    - Restroom Upgrades,
    - Parlor Window Coverings,
    - Upgraded Interior Lighting,
    - Possible future repair of a few slate roof tiles.
  - The trustees are also looking at best practices for building painting.
  - Jeff announced that Ed Matthews, custodian, had resigned for other employment.
- Staff Parish Relations Committee – Pastor Darren
  - Tiffany Williams has been appointed to North as Minister of Mission and Outreach effective July 1, 2019. Her first Sunday at North will be July 7, 2019.
  - Ronnie's last Sunday at north will be June 22, 2019.
  - North will have a summer intern from Duke University – William Kendust.
- Ministries Council – Alan Archibald
  - The Farmers Market Team is making plans to begin North's Market June 6, 2019.
  - North will again be participating in the Indy Pride Parade and Festival, June 8, 2019.

- Leadership Development – Pastor Darren
  - Darren reported Robin Regan has agreed to chair the Stewardship Committee.
- Senior Pastor/Administrative
  - Darren Cushman Wood has assembled a task force to craft a theological statement on inclusion based upon Wesleyan theology. Darren has chosen the following lay persons at NUMC and he will lead that group in its efforts. The task force team consists of Richard Moman, Shannon Priddy, Amy Sell, and Allan McCormick.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 PM

**Remaining 2019 Meeting Dates (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday unless noted otherwise)**

May 22

June 26

July 24

August 28

September 25

October 23

November 20 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday)

December 18 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday)