

**Minutes**  
**North United Methodist Church**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**March 27, 2019**  
**5:30 p.m.**

**Members**

Ron Gifford, Chair	
Marie Powell, Vice Chair	Alan Archibald (MC/LL)
Linda McClain (SPRC)	Peter Chen (At large)
Troy Barker (Secretary)	John Drake (Finance)
Jeff Bonner (Trustees)	Jeff Eggert (At Large)

**Ex Officio**

Darren Cushman Wood

**Absent**

Leslie Knox  
Jacqueline Blackwell (LL to AC)  
Jack Leonard, Treasurer

1. Ron Gifford asked everyone to open by sharing when they became Methodists and why.
2. The minutes of the January 23, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.
3. Marie Powell and John Drake presented an overview of NUMC financials and the various funds used to account for church finances. Discussion regarding the overall funding of the church and ways to better communicate that to the congregation, particularly during stewardship time, followed.
4. The Endowment Committee recommends a 3% distribution for 2019. This represents a \$185,121 total distribution over all endowed funds. Alan Archibald moved that the recommendation be accepted. Jeff Eggert seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
5. The group discussed the payment of 2019 apportionments in light of the outcome of the GC 2019. John Drake moved that effective immediately NUMC will suspend payment of its church tithe/apportionment to the Indiana Annual Conference. Jeff Eggert seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. A statement announcing this decision while also explaining the context in which it was made and next steps as a congregation will be published to the congregation by this weekend with a pulpit announcement on Sunday.
6. Ron Gifford moved to appoint Amy Sell as the delegate from NUMC to Annual Conference. Peter Chen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Jon Johnson is stepping down from SPRC.

8. Darren Cushman Wood presented the idea for a conference hosted by NUMC (to be scheduled for Fall 2019) for lay and clergy of other UMC churches that wish to learn how to become more inclusive in their own churches. Shannon Priddy would be hired to manage the one day conference. Marie Powell moved that such a conference be hosted by NUMC. Linda McClain seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
9. Darren Cushman Wood presented the idea for a task force to craft a theological statement on inclusion based upon Wesleyan theology. Darren will solicit for members of the task force from key lay persons at NUMC and will lead that group in its efforts.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Powell, Vice Chair