

Minutes
North United Methodist Church
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 28, 2019, 5:30 PM

Members

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

Jeff Bonner (Trustees)
Peter Chen (At large)
John Drake (Finance)
Jeff Eggert (At large)
Leslie Knox (At large)
Linda McClain (SPRC)

Ex Officio

Darren Cushman Wood
Marie Lang, Finance Director

Attendance was recorded with the following individuals recorded as not present: *Linda McClain (SPRC), Jeff Eggert (At large), and Leslie Knox (At large)*

Submitted by Troy Barker, Secretary

1. Opening

The Meeting began at 5:30 PM with an opening prayer led by Pastor Darren.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the July 24, 2019, meeting was approved as submitted.

3. Update on the Indianapolis Plan

Darren provided feedback and explanation regarding the Indianapolis Plan. Board members asked a few questions and thanked Darren for his openness and willingness to speak of the situation openly. Darren continues to keep SPRC apprised of his actions.

4. Senior Pastor/Administration - Pastor Darren

- The North Declaration (Draft) was presented and discussed. The church members assisting Darren with the declaration are Amy Sell, Shannon Priddy, Allen McCormack.
- Stewardship Campaign begins on September 28, 2019. The theme is "True North." Stewardship Sunday is October 29, 2019.

5. Update on North Church finances (Marie Lang)

See update in Committee Reports below

6. Committee Reports –

Finance - John Drake (Finance) and Marie Lang (Finance Director)

- Marie and John presented financial reports for the period ending July 31, 2019.*
- Marie and John report that all bank accounts had been reconciled, current bills are paid, and income received has been posted.
- Discussion occurred regarding how prepaid income was currently treated on an accrual basis when it seemed a cash basis might be more appropriate for the church. Marie and John were going to evaluate this further and advise the board later if they were going to suggest a change to our accounting method.
- The budgeting process for 2020 Has begun, and Marie was working with staff members.
- The annual financial audit has begun, and although the auditors had some questions, there was no great concern.
- Marie asked for authorization to consolidate and merge all three checking accounts into one. The request was approved unanimously.

*Copies of Financial Reports were provided to board members. To receive a copy please contact the church office.

Trustees - Jeff Bonner

- Jeff asked if the trustees needed to have projects and the finances approved by the Board of Directors. The boards' response was "NO" if the Trustee's budget was being utilized. The board advised Jeff that it appreciates the communication he provided to us regarding projects and desires for that level of communication to continue.
- Jeff advised the following projects are under consideration:
 - Exterior signage still in progress,
 - Restroom, Parlor, & Conference Room updates;
 - Mechanical, Electrical, & Plumbing contractors on board, proceeding with plans;
 - HVAC for Darren and Nancy getting a quote;
 - Invasive species report received, will send to the Board;
 - Masonry, may not be an exterior issue, pursuing opinions from recommended companies;
 - Still working on West Entry step lighting;
 - Doors/security, the South interior door needs to be repaired, still looking into options.

SPRC - No update provided

Ministries Council – No update provided

7. Executive Session – Not Requested - [See January 2015 minutes, page 6, item 7.](#)