

Minutes
North United Methodist Church
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 22, 2020
5:30 p.m.

Members

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

Ex Officio

Jeff Bonner (Trustees)
Peter Chen (At large)
Jeff Eggert (At large)

Darren Cushman Wood
John Drake, Finance Director

Attendance was recorded with the following individuals recorded as not present:
Alan Archibald.

1. Opening Prayer
Pastor Darren opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Welcome/introductions – new Board members, pending charge conference approval.
Pastor Darren introduced new board members: Garland Graves (SPRC), David Wills (Finance), Mai Cooper (At large) – these individuals were not able to be present for this meeting.
3. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting.
Minutes of December 11, 2019, meeting was approved without objection.
4. “Protocol”/General Conference Update
Pastor Darren outlined the “Protocol” and provided an update to the General Conference.
Additional information regarding the “Protocol” can be found at <https://www.umnews.org/en/news/diverse-leaders-group-offers-separation-plan>
The board agreed that Darren and or others are welcome to affiliate and converse with other churches that share an openness on a “new Methodism.”
5. “North Declaration” – presentation and Board comments
Darren presented the second draft of the “North Declaration” as a motion on behalf of the task force. Darren summarized the actions, and the board discussed the declaration. Jeff Eggert 2nd, the motion was unanimously adopted. A copy of the North Declaration is located on the church website. <https://northchurchindy.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/North-Declaration-Epiphany-2020.pdf>

6. Charge Conference Update
Pastor Darren advised the board that the date of January had been set for the Charge Conference. The Charge Conference will be located at 2327 East Tenth Street (Tenth Street UMC) on January 29, 2020, at 6:00 PM.
7. Review and approve 2020 Budget (John/Ron)
John provided a copy of the budget and provided associated details.
The budget was unanimously adopted as submitted.
*Copy of the 2020 Budget is available by contacting the church office.
8. Committee/Board/Senior Pastor Reports
Due to time restraints, Committee Reports were not provided. No urgent issues were brought forward.

Jeff Bonner, Trustees did provide the following written report:

- 1. We are still working with Greenfield Signs trying to get the Permit for the Signage. The reviewer had one comment about the height which was an easy change. Hopefully we will have that Permit soon.*
- 2. We are close to having at least Bid Documents for the Restroom/Parlor/Conference Room upgrades.*
- 3. The Bell Tower needs some repairs to stop some water infiltration.*
- 4. We are trying to gain some knowledge on how to address the state of the paint in the sanctuary to know what to expect so we can have a plan for the future.*

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Troy Barker, Board Secretary

2020 Meeting Dates (4th Wednesday unless noted otherwise) at 5:30 PM

- January 22 ✓
- February 26
- March 25
- April 22
- May 27
- June 24
- July 22
- August 26
- September 23
- October 28
- November 18 (3rd Wednesday)
- December 16 (3rd Wednesday)