

Minutes
North United Methodist Church
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MAY 27, 2020 * 5:30 p.m.
ZOOM MEETING

<i>Members</i>		<i>Ex Officio</i>	
Ron Gifford, Chair	✓	Jeff Bonner (Trustees)	✓
Marie Powell, Vice Chair	✓	Peter Chen (At large)	A
Troy Barker, Secretary	✓	David Wills (Finance)	A
Jack Leonard, Treasurer	✓	Jeff Eggert (At large)	✓
Jacqueline Blackwell (LL)	✓	Mai Cooper (At large)	A
Alan Archibald (LL/MC)	✓	Garland Graves (SPRC)	✓
		Darren Cushman Wood	✓
		John Drake, Finance Director	✓

1. Opening Prayer – Darren Cushman Wood – Prayer for evening services from UMC hymnal.
2. Roll Call, Parties present indicated above with a checkmark ✓, Absent with and A.
3. Approval of minutes of March 25, 2020, and April 15, 2020
 Minutes for March 25, 2020 were approved unanimously.
 Minutes for April 15, 2020 were approved unanimously.
4. Ron advised the Board that David Wills had resigned as Chair of the Finance Committee and Board of directors for personal reasons. Ron acknowledged our gratitude and appreciation to David for all of his thoughtful participation and engagement. Marie Powel will assume the role of the Finance Chair on an interim base through the end of this calendar year. This will be beside as the Vice-Chair of the Board.
5. Ron made a motion to elect and approve Marie Powel as the interim Finance Chair through the calendar year 2020. Troy Barker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Marie Powel abstained from voting.
6. Staff Parish – Update regarding Pastor Tiffany's successor – Darren
 Pastor Tiffany's last Sunday at North will be June 21, 2020. Tiffany will preach n this Sunday. SPRC is working on a special acknowledgment. SPRC is evaluating the need for a replacement and if that would be an appointed or local hired position. No replacement will occur in 2020. SPRC will return to the Board with their recommendation. SPRC has notified the Conference District Superintendent that an appointment is not being requested for this calendar year.

7. Review and discussion regarding recommendations and findings from Worship and Arts Committee regarding protocols for reopening the church for in-person worship – Lead by Darren. A document was distributed, titled Protocol for in Person Worship. North's medical professional from North reviewed the document. Darren indicated that our medical professionals provided useful feedback to the group. The primary questions Pastor Darren brought forward regarding the protocol.

How do we go back to live worship? | When do we go back to live worship?

A lengthy discussion occurred regarding restarting In-Person Worship. The Board provided feedback, and requested staff prepare a revised document for distribution.

The Board's feedback was as follows:

- Masks should be required, as outlined in the protocol.
 - Suggested that no congregational signing will take place at this time, but seek guidance from medical personal within North.
 - The 8:30 service would be the only service with a congregation presence. This service would not include congregational singing.
 - A two-week decline in new cases for Marion County would act as the setpoint to begin the 8:30 worship service with congregation presence.
 - Suggested an organized approach for queuing in line for restroom use.
 - Follow the State of Indiana statistics to monitor new cases.
 - Statistics from the state would be monitored weekly, and staff would decide on the status of the forthcoming week's service.
 - Continue to seek the congregation's feedback.
8. Financial reports were provided to the board members before the meeting. Additional copies are available from the church office upon request.
 - Prepayment of \$50,000 – 60,000 in pledges has occurred as of April 30, 2020.
 - This draws concern about what revenues will be contributed over the next three months.
 - John indicated he feels that revenues will likely be down over the next three months of giving.

9. Update on Payroll Protection Act loan and revenue projections (John)

John provided an update on the execution of the PPP loan/grant. The application was approved, and grant/loan proceeds have been received.

- Forgiveness can be requested as of June 30, 2020
- Further
- The SBA indicated that organizations with loan proceeds under 2 million dollars are receiving a "safe harbor" in certifying needs for the Payroll Protection Act loan.

10. Committee/Board/Senior Pastor Reports

- Trustees –
 - Jeffery Perkins has resigned from the Trustees.
 - New Illinois Street Signage – Is compiled and installed
 - Parking lot sealing and Striping
 - LED lighting upgrade
 - Trustees are finalizing Restroom updates. They will begin accepting bids soon.
- Senior Pastor Report
 - North has received a tech grant from the Center of Congregations. North will purchase a second video camera. The amount of the grant award is \$4,202; North will contribute \$467 (10%) towards the total cost of \$4,669.

Submitted by Troy Barker, Board Secretary

2020 Meeting Dates (4th Wednesday unless noted otherwise)

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| • January 22 | • May 27 | • September 23 |
| • February 26 | • June 24 | • October 28 |
| • March 25 | • July 22 – Next Meeting | • November 18 ^{3rd} Wednesday |
| • April 22 | • August 26 | • December 16 ^{3rd} Wednesday |