

Minutes
North United Methodist Church
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
July 28, 2021 * 5:30 p.m.
ZOOM MEETING

Members

Marie Powell, Chair
Orson Mason, Vice Chair
Troy Barker, Secretary
Jessica White, Treasurer
Jacqueline Blackwell (LL/SPRC)
Eric Lekberg (LL/MC)

Jeff Bonner (Trustees)
Peter Chen (At large)
Charles Young(Finance)
Mai Cooper (At large)
Garland Graves (SPRC)

Ex Officio

Darren Cushman Wood
John Drake, Finance Director

1. Roll Call the following members were present: Marie Powell, Orson Mason, Troy Barker, Jessica White, Jacqueline Blackwell, Eric Lekberg, Jeff Bonner, Garland Graves, Darren Cushman Wood, and John Drake; the following members were not present, Mai Cooper, Peter Chen, and Charles Young. In addition to board member's Pastor Sunil Kotian - Pastor of Mission and Outreach, was present.
2. Opening Devotion (Darren)
3. The board unanimously approved the minutes of the May 26, 2021 meeting. Motion made by Orson Wells and seconded by Jessica White.
4. Introduction of Sunil Kotian - Pastor of Mission and Outreach
Sunil shared pieces of his journey so far at North. The board welcomed and affirmed Sunil to North. Sunil is open to coffee or meet for a meal? Contact him at skotian@northchurchindy.com or 317-358-7405

5. East 10th Street Redevelopment Discussion – (Darren)

Vision for East Tenth

SUMMARY:

The East Tenth Street building (recently transferred ownership to the Children and Youth Center with a MOA ensuring continued use of the space for a Methodist congregation for the next twenty years) will be used to launch a satellite of North that draws its missional DNA from North and the former East Tenth UMC congregations.

Inherited DNA (Strengths)

- North—inclusive; servanthood
- East Tenth—neighborhood church; servanthood

New: A different style of worship from North that is more informal
Jesus-Centered in its theology and spirituality

PROCESS:

Formation of an advisory team at North.

Secure agreement and cooperation with the remaining leaders at East Tenth.

North would hire a church planter whose full-time job would be devoted to starting the new church-satellite with the support and advisement of the advisory team. The church planter would be a staff member at North participating in all staff meeting and under direct supervision by the senior pastor. The advisory team would work with the senior pastor to promote the vision at North. The advisory team would meet with a church planting consultant.

The current preaching assistant at East Tenth would continue to offer weekly services until the launch of the new church-satellite. Then, the Sunday prior to the launch would be the final Sunday for the East Tenth congregation and it would be officially closed by the annual conference.

North would pay for the salary of the church planter for a limited number of years (for example, three years), each year reducing the amount as the new church-satellite can afford to pay for more support until 100% comes from them. This payment from North would be promoted as the alternative to apportionment payments. Some funds may be available from the former East Tenth congregation as a legacy gift.

A motion by Orson Wells was made; The board endorses the establishment of a discernment team to focus on a potential new church start at East and 10th Street for support and future actions. The motion passed unanimously

The committee members of the East Tenth Discernment Team are as follows: Troy Barker, Lyn Berkebile, Rod Brown, Darryl Ballard, and Shannon Priddy.

6. Mortgage/Bequest Ad Hoc Committee – Marie

The church has received unrestricted bequests totally \$174,979. It was noted that the church also has a mortgage.

Jeff Bonner made a motion to use \$174,979 from a recent undesignated bequest to be used to pay down the principal of the mortgage. Jessica White seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jessica White Made a motion to withdraw \$200,000 (specifically the "Building Capital UR account number 10-05360-18") and place it in a restricted fund for future payments to pay down the mortgage. Troy Barker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee/Board/Senior Pastor Reports

- Finance – John Drake

Notes to June 2021 Financial Statements Prepared by John Drake

Balance Sheet

Cash: \$1,576,347.88 as of June 30th compared to \$1,647,616.46 as of May 31st. The decrease in cash reflects paying the first bill on the renovation and a operating deficit for June. Please note that we receive \$30,000 per month via on-line giving. Please review the Cash Summary for June 2021 to see cash amounts by account.

The best news is that the PPP Loan has been forgiven. We do not have to pay back the funds!!

Budgeted Income Statement

Income

Budgeted Amounts Explanation: The monthly budget amounts shown for Current Year Pledges and Non-Pledge Contributions have been adjusted to reflect seasonal variations by using the average of actual results over the last three years as a guide. The budget amount shown for each of the other income line items is its annual budget amount divided by 12.

Pledges: \$3,677 under budget for June, and \$7,389 over budget YTD. Actual prior YTD pledge income was \$66,000 more than actual current YTD pledge income.

Twenty-nine Giving Units have contributed at more than 100% resulting in \$67,586 in funds received ahead of schedule. Of the twenty-nine, fourteen are above 100%.

Non-Pledge Contributions: \$3,833 under budget for June and \$16,035 under budget YTD. Actual prior YTD non-pledge contribution income was \$13,000 more than actual current YTD pledge income. The budget amount was reduced from \$125,000 to \$80,000 to reflect the effect of not having live in-person services.

Expenses

Budgeted Amounts Explanation: The monthly budget amounts shown for Utilities and other expenses such as Grounds and Upkeep, Audit and Janitorial Supplies have been adjusted to reflect seasonal variations by using the average of actual results over the last three years as a guide. The budget amounts shown for other expense line items are annual budget amounts divided by 12.

Wage and Salaries: We were \$8,237 under budget for June, and \$46,652 under budget YTD. Please note that three positions are not filled: one custodian, one childcare, and the Minister of Youth and Young Adults.

Health Insurance: We were \$2,346 over budget for June and \$6,448 under budget YTD. Anthem billed us for both May and June in June.

Utilities: Total utilizes (electricity, heating fuel, and water/sewer) were \$2,690 under budget for the month and \$5,478 under budget Last month we were \$2,640 under so it seems a matter of timing.

Audit/Review: We paid both bills for the Review in June. By the time you read this I should have a Draft report to review.

Summary:

- Total cash revenue was \$8,627 under budget for June and \$14,873 under budget YTD. Actual prior YTD income was \$87,000 more than actual current YTD income. Please note that a major giver has not given in June as they did last June.
- Expenses were \$8,624 over budget for June and \$101,788 under budget YTD. Expenses for 2021 YTD are \$55,000 under 2020 YTD. Major sources of the overage for June was audit for \$8,000, Health Insurance for \$2,300, and electricity for \$2,746. We were tracking well on the expense side, but below on revenue. June was budgeted as a month of revenue being below the expenses.
- The actual operating deficit through June was \$39,921. The budgeted deficit through June was forecasted as \$126,837.

**** end of finance report****

- Trustees – Jeff Bonner
 - The restroom and parlor project is proceeding as planned with an anticipated project completion date of the end of August.
 - The trustees are working on the sanctuary audio issues.

- Ministries Council – Eric Lekberg
 - Ministry Council is continuing the conversation as it relates to COVID safety practices.
 - The family picnic was a great success led by Amy Sell.

- Staff Parish Relations Committee – Garland Graves
 - No report for the board meeting
 - Garlan deferred his time to the executive session.

- Land Development – Pastor Darren
 - In September, there are plans to engage the church members in forums/conversations regarding future land development.

- Leadership Development – Pastor Darren
 - Darren asked for committee leaders to provide any members.

- Senior Pastor/Administrative – Pastor Darren
 - Medical providers are administering vaccinations at the North Farmers Market. Not only COVID but many other vaccinations.
 - Communion will resume on August 1, 2021. Communion will be prepackaged elements provided at the pew. Individuals may come forward to the communion rail.

7. Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 PM

8. Board moved to Executive Session - See [January 2015 minutes](#), page 6, item 7.

Meetings Scheduled for 2021

January 27	April 28	July 28	October 27
February 24	May 26	August 25	November 24
March 24	June 23	September 22	December 22