

Minutes
North United Methodist Church
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 25, * 5:30 p.m.

ZOOM MEETING – see email for complete login instructions, including phone number.

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, Peter Chen, Charles Young, Garland Graves, Darren Cushman Wood, and John Drake; Board Member Mai Cooper was not present.
2. Opening Devotion (Darren)
3. Approval of minutes of July 28, 2021, meeting (Marie)
The board unanimously approved the minutes of the July 28, 2021, meeting. Motion made by Jessica White and seconded by Orson Wells.
4. Senior Pastor Report – Pastor Darren

Stewardship Campaign – Please be sure to pledge and pledge early.
Related to Stewardship Sunday – Darren will be asking different board members to speak the three Sundays before Thanksgiving.

Charge Conference date October 24, 2021, at 3:00 PM at Meridian Street UMC. All board members are requested to be present.

Boy Scouts – National
North has four claims listed that involve North UMC dating through the late 1960s and the 1970s.

Darren presented that North had retained a law firm to represent the church. Additionally, Darren asks that the board approve the following individuals to lead discussions with the law firm. Marie Powell, Orson Mason, Ann Mackey, Pastor Darren Cushman Wood, and John Drake.

The following motion was made by Troy Barker and seconded by Orson Mason: *Marie Powell, Orson Mason, and Ann Mackey, along with staff members Pastor Darren Cushman Wood and John Drake, are authorized to lead conversations and discussions about the Boy Scouts Litigation.* The motion passed unanimously.

Orson suggested that the church appoint a documentarian to prepare and document the events concerning the litigation. Jessica White suggested we ask Anne Mackey. Darren will ask Anne Makey if she is willing to handle this.

Darren communicated East 10th Street also had several claims with the boy scout litigation.

East 10th Street

Due to circumstances with East 10th Street, Darren and the board agree that a “hold” is placed on the discernment team process with East 10th street.

The board voted that this conversation was confidential, and therefore this conversation was deemed part of an executive session. Notes from the executive sessions will be provided only to board members and Darren Cushman Wood and John Drake. This session is highlighted above.

5. Worship – COVID policies

COVID - case numbers continue to increase. The Marion County Health Department has advised. Darren reported that 100% of our staff had been vaccinated. The board discussed the situation in detail.

Peter Chen made a motion that All individuals two years and older must wear a face mask or covering while in the building through November 30. Orson Mason seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Proposed future changes to Bylaws –

There are some items in our bylaws that are out of sync with the current book of discipline. This detailed information will be provided to the board.

7. Finance – John Drake & Charles Young

Notes to July 2021 Financial Statements
Prepared by John Drake

Balance Sheet

Cash: \$1,521,759.84 as of July 31st compared to \$1,576,347.88 as of June 30th. The decrease in cash reflects paying on the mortgage, renovation of 1st floor, and the expected deficit of income versus expenses for July. Please note that we receive \$30,000 per month via on-line giving. Please review the Cash Summary for July 2021 to see cash amounts by account.

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: \$13,895 under budget for July, and \$2,817 under budget YTD. Please note that we received a check on August 4 for more than \$20,000. I budgeted that pledge amount into July based on prior history. Had we received that check in July we would have been over on pledge income by more than \$20,000. Actual prior YTD pledge income was \$46,000 more than actual current YTD pledge income.

Forty Giving Units have contributed at more than 100% resulting in \$73,606 in funds received ahead of schedule. Of the forty, twenty are above 100%.

Non-Pledge Contributions: \$841 under budget for July and \$16,850 under budget YTD. Actual prior YTD non-pledge contribution income was \$8,000 less 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 are \$8,627 under budget for July, and \$55,280 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 are \$2,424 under budget for July and \$8,873 under budget YTD.

Utilities: Total utilizes (electricity, heating fuel, and water/sewer) were \$89 over budget for the month and \$5,972 under budget. YTD.

Audit/Review: We paid the final bill for the Review. We are \$350 over budget for the Review.

Telephone/Internet: Received and paid two months of AT&T and 8X8. As I have said to members who have asked about whether we have received their pledge check, mail delivery is not timely. The result being that we may pay two months of a vendor in one month.

Summary:

- Total revenue was \$15,793 under budget for July and \$26,950 under budget YTD. Actual prior YTD income was \$67,000 more than actual current YTD income. The check we received in August would have made us slight above budget on total income had it been received in July.
- Expenses are \$6,157 under budget for July and \$107,946 under budget YTD. Expenses for 2021 YTD are \$44,000 under 2020 YTD. We are tracking well on the expense side, but below on revenue. July was budgeted as a month of revenue being below the expenses.
- The actual operating deficit through July was \$63,058. The budgeted deficit through July was forecasted as \$144,053.

8. Adjournment 7:10 PM

Upcoming Meetings Scheduled for 2021

September 22	October 27	November 24	December 22
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