

Minutes
North United Methodist Church, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 23, * 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
Eric Lekberg (LL/MC)

Jeff Bonner (Trustees)
Charles Young (Finance)
Mai Cooper (At large)
Garland Graves (SPRC)
Mary McDonald
Lyn Berkebile

Ex Officio

Darren Cushman Wood
John Drake, Finance Director

1. The meeting began at 5:45 PM
Roll Call - the following members were present: Marie Powell, Orson Mason, Troy Barker, Jessica White, Eric Lekberg, Jeff Bonner, Charles Young, Garland Graves, Mary McDonald, and Lyn Berkebile, Ex Officio - Darren Cushman Wood, and John Drake;
Board Member Mai Cooper was not present.
2. Opening Devotion (Darren)
3. Approval of Minutes of February 23, 2022, meeting (Marie)
The minutes of the February 23, 2022, meeting were unanimously approved. It was moved by Orson, seconded by Charles.
4. Committee/Board/Senior Pastor Reports
5. Land Development Task Force - Ron Gifford
The Church's environmental legal counsel (Faegre Drinker) received a request from Ace Hardware to allow them to test the soil and underground water table. The task force believed this may be the time to speak with Ace Hardware (zoned C-4) regarding the purchase of the property through the Lift Grant.

Jeff Bonner suggested a Title Search be performed regarding Ace Hardware access (easement) to North's property.

A motion was made to authorize the task force to make a reasonable offer on the Ace Hardware property. The purchase may not include the use of North Church funds.

The motion was made by Jessica, seconded by Eric, and unanimously approved.

6. Signing Resolution – North has been notified that it should receive a specific gift from a deceased church member. The organization (VALIC) has requested a resolution empowering our Finance Director to act on behalf of North United Methodist Church, Inc.

The following motion was made by Marie and passed unanimously

John Drake, Finance Director, has the authority to sign on behalf of North United Methodist Church, Inc. on matters related to the transactions of account “Charles E. Yeager” with Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company (VALIC).

7. Finance – John Drake & Charles Young

The included report was provided by John Drake and the Finance Committee.

8. Trustees

Jeff reported that most of the improvements have been completed with the parlor and restroom upgrade. We are still waiting on some furniture for the “Gathering Space” formerly known as the parlor.

An upgrade has been installed on the sound system. Feedback has been that the piano seems to be overpowering through the Sound System.

9. Ministries Council – Eric Lekberg

Eric indicated that the bands have been removed from the pews, allowing individuals to self distance themselves as they feel might be desired.

Offering plates

Children’s Council continues to require masks and proof of vaccination for staff and volunteers.

Youth Council is reviewing its mask protocol. In the meantime, Ministries Council has authorized Youth Council to choose to wear or not wear masks at the Youth Council’s discretion. The Youth Council will present a formal request at its next meeting.

10. Staff Parish Relations Committee – Garland Graves

SPRC did not meet in March. At the next SPRC meeting, they will continue their discussion regarding staff salaries with more information to follow. Garland mentioned that now we are fully staffed and how pleased he was to see the full staff supporting the worship service and Pastor Darren.

11. Next Meeting April 27th IN PERSON.

12. Adjournment

Meetings Scheduled for 2022

January 27 ✓	April 27	July 27	October 26
February 23 ✓	May 25	August 24	November 30*
March 23 ✓	June 22	September 28	December 21*

Notes to February 2022 Financial Statements
Prepared by John Drake

Balance Sheet

Cash: \$1,217,217.58 as of February 28th compared to \$1,165,968.66 as of January 31st. The increase in cash is the result of a donation that pays the interest on the Mortgage. Please note that we receive \$25,000 per month via on-line giving from 70 giving units. Please review the Cash Summary for February 2022 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 four 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: \$6,387 over budget for February. YTD the pledge income is \$20,414 more than the 2022 budget. Year to Date Pledges received as of February 2021 were \$13,000 less the amount received in February 2022.

Non-Pledge Contributions: \$16,039 over budget for February. The remainder of the donation that pays the interest was posted to this income line. Usually these funds are recorded as Innovation Fund, and Intern Fund. Those funds are needed this year. As a result, Non-pledge income for 2022 is significantly higher than for the same period in 2021.

Non-Discretionary Income: No funds transferred this month since we are doing so well on Pledge and Non-Pledge Income.

Expenses

Budgeted Amounts Explanation: The monthly budget amounts shown for Utilities, Audit and Janitorial Supplies have been adjusted to reflect seasonal variations by using the average of the last four 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 \$893 under budget for February. Two of the four Choir Section Leaders were not used in the second payday of February. We are not yet paying for Child Care.

Health Insurance: We are \$7,053 under budget for February. Anthem did not charge us for February until March.

Utilities: Total utilizes (electricity, heating fuel, and water/sewer) were \$2,942 over budget for the month. AES (IPL) did not deduct the second bill until March.

Photocopies – Over budget due to paying for three months versus two YTD. Also, we paid \$1,000 for copier charges for 2019 and 2020 billed to North recently. Billing were being sent to an old employee. We paid only \$1,000 of the \$3,482.

Summary:

- Total revenue is over due to pre-payments by several members of their 2022 Pledge and additional funds for non-pledge contributions
- Expenses were \$ 13,967 under budget due to not paying Anthem (\$6,000) and AES (\$2,000).

Strong start due to early giving.