

Minutes
North United Methodist Church, Inc
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 27, 2022 * 5:30 p.m.
Conference Room – North Church

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. Roll Call - the following members were present: Marie Powell, Orson Mason, Troy Barker, Jessica White, Eric Lekberg, Jeff Bonner, Charles Young, Mary McDonald, and Lyn Berkebile. Ex Officio - Darren Cushman Wood, and John Drake.
Board Members Garland Graves and Mai Cooper were not present.
2. Opening Devotion (Darren)
Pastor Darren led the meeting with a devotional.
3. Approval of Minutes of March 23, 2022, meeting (Marie)
The minutes of the March 23, 2022, board meeting and March 23, 2022, Charge Conference were unanimously approved. Approval was moved by Orson and seconded by Charles.
4. Senior Pastor Report, Land Development, and Leadership Development (Pastor Darren)

Darren asked the board to consider your hopes for North Church's post-pandemic (May 2023).

Darren updated the board regarding the Methodist denomination, church affiliation, and disaffiliation. The next General Conference has been moved to 2024. Darren provided a brief overview of the judicial council docket and the disaffiliation activity. Darren indicated that the Global United Methodist Church was scheduled to launch on May 1, 2022.

In April Darren consulted with Marie and Jeff for approval regarding the IDEM - soil testing of our property. Both Marie and Jeff gave approval for this to occur. Darren communicated this approval to the Ace Hardware representatives.

Mapleton Fall Creek has advised North that an offer was not presented to the owners of Ace Hardware because the neighborhood group lacked the needed funding. The current asking price is \$950,000. North hopes to have a third partner engaged by July 2022.

- Orson suggested we consider engaging experts in change management/strategic planning.

Sunday, May 22, two new anthems will be performed by North's Choir as part of the Hamilton Series.

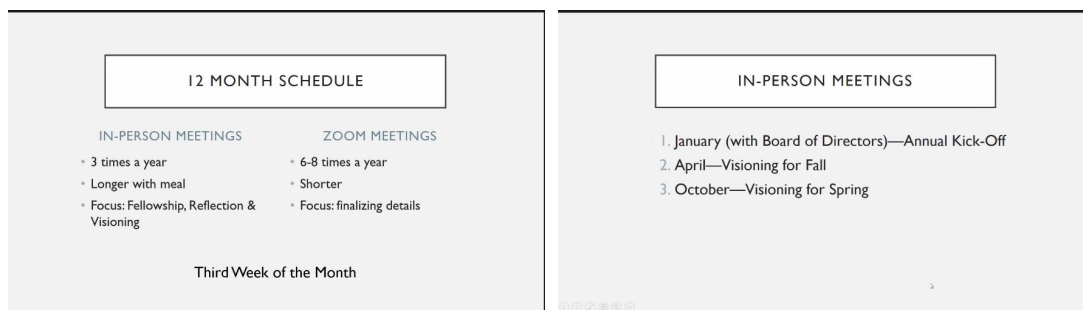
5. Ministry Council - Eric Lekberg

Ministries Council met on April 5.

The council passes a motion for Landscaping.

The council has begun Pride Weekend Planning; Amy Sell leads this initiative.

Ministry Council has altered/updated its meeting schedule.



6. Finance – John Drake & Charles Young – Notes are attached - Attachment A.

Follow up questions:

- Technology-related expenses account for nearly 8% of the overall budget. John was asked to evaluate the technology-related expenses and provide feedback to the board if he discovered that there might be cost savings opportunities. John will report back to the board on the topic.
- It was requested at a previous meeting that the finance committee analyze donors and life expectancy "risk profile" – The board asked for a future update on this.

- It was requested at a previous meeting that the finance committee or John provide the board with additional financial information regarding North’s specific mission program’s income and expenses. It was suggested that a quarterly update would be sufficient. - The board asked for a future update on this.

7. Trustees – Jeff Bonner

The trustees are collecting an overall landscaping plan for the church.
 The restroom and parlor project is nearly complete except for a few pieces of furniture.
 The trustees are continuing to work on the 100-year plan (2031).

8. Future Meeting Schedule – The board decided to meet in person every other month and the alternate meeting by zoom. May's meeting will be by Zoom.

9. Adjournment – 6:50 PM

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*

Attachment A

Notes to March 2022 Financial Statements Prepared by John Drake

Balance Sheet

Cash: \$1,165,138.18 as of March 31st compared to \$1,217,257.12 as of February 28th. The decrease in cash is the result of use of funds by the Trustees for renovation of the 1st floor (\$27,583) the payment of principal (\$7,328) on the Mortgage and repair bills from Irish Mechanical. Please note that we receive \$25,000 per month via on-line giving from 70 giving units. Please review the Cash Summary for March 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: \$27,690 over budget for March. YTD the pledge income is \$48,104 more than the 2022 budget. Year to Date Pledges received as of March 2021 were \$6,000 more the amount received in March 2022.

Twenty-three Giving Units have contributed at least 100% resulting in \$45,220 in funds received ahead of schedule. Of the twenty-three, seven have contributed more than 100%.

Non-Pledge Contributions: \$1414 under budget for March. We are 23,000 ahead of the budget for 2022. Year to date non-pledge contributions are \$29,000 ahead of 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 \$3,481 under budget for March. We are also under budget YTD due to not paying Childcare (\$3,000) and not paying for Choir Section Leaders (\$4,000).

Health Insurance: We are \$2,062 over budget for March. Anthem did bill us for March and April in March.

Utilities: Total utilizes (electricity, heating fuel, and water/sewer) were \$6,565 over budget for the month. Same issue for Utilities as Health Insurance.

Registration – This is the account where I posted the major expenses for the Lenten Retreat for Youth.

Summary:

- Total revenue is over due to pre-payments by several members of their 2022 Pledge and additional funds for non-pledge contributions
- Expenses YTD are \$8,401 under budget. This represents the savings on payroll in 2022.
- Strong start since we are \$54,000 ahead on revenue and \$8,000 under budget on expenses.