
Monthly Trustee Meeting Minutes

North United Methodist Church
08 March 2023

Meeting to be held in the Conference Room

In Attendance: Jeff Bonner, Kathleen Custer, Andy Hein, Sarah Galloway, Jerry Hacker, Toby Powell, Julie Eggert, Jeff Linnan

Guest: Eric Galloway

Absent: Debbie Hinderliter-Lewis

Prayer: Jeff B opened with prayer

February Meeting Minutes—Approved

High Priority

HVAC Updates

- Choir Room Schedule? (J. Linnan): The new damper will be installed by the end of March.
- LG System: ongoing issues keep occurring. According to Jeff L, repair reps have noted that the LG4 system (ours) has had several problems and many customers have abandoned it in favor of LG5. Do we want to consider upgrading to the newer system? The cost would be roughly \$38,000. Jeff Martin from Irish would like to bring an LG specialist along with our repair rep to discuss our situation and provide recommendations. We have already spent \$14,000 to repair the LG4s with our recent issues.

Church Updates

- West Entry Step Lighting (J. Linnan)
 - Jeff Bonner bought some solar lights and put them on the risers and under the railings to see how they would work. The lights on the risers did not adhere well and have been removed. The ones under the railing provide decent light.
 - Longer term solution: Have someone look at the stone to see if there are ideas that we haven't thought of.
 - Side thought here, if a structure gets erected to the west, we could potentially have lighting installed on that building to cast light onto the steps.
- Choir Loft and Pulpit Lighting (J. Linnan, A. Hein): Quotes have been received from ERMCo and Barth. The Barth quote is half the ERMCo quote, so Jeff L would like to compare them to ensure that the work quoted is comparable. He will send them to us for review.
- Exterior lighting: Need to consider getting a quote to replace all lights with LED. Jeff L to follow up.

Medium Priority

Church Updates

- Gathering Center (J. Bonner)
 - Measuring and ordering window inserts – Andy talked with John Hughes on the correct way to measure the windows. He used a triangular frame and Andy will further look into

measuring. Jeff B will send Andy the window contact info. John believes that the Trustees should remain the contact to the window insert supplier. Lead time is approximately 18-20 weeks.

- Site Plantings (J. Bonner)
 - Eric Galloway joined us to discuss the Green Team's conversation with Beth Porter and the Trustee's goal to NOT use invasive plants but some non-native species are fine. Main invasive plants: Burning Bushes, Callery Pear, Norway Maple, and English Ivy. Beth is now more aware of using natives and is interested in using more of them.
 - Short-term goal-finish the west side of the building since it was already started. Need to put down cardboard to cover and kill off the English Ivy and poison ivy that are there.
 - Beth will be removing the burning bushes that are NOT protecting air conditioning units and begin with the cardboard and mulching to get rid of the Poison and English Ivy soon.
 - Green Team has 2 plans to raise funds for landscaping (besides volunteer hours): A shoe recycling event in April, and then an adopt-a-plant program in May to run in conjunction with the plant exchange. Members could purchase some of the plants to offset the costs.
 - Kathleen would like to have an adopt-a-location project to have members of the congregation (or groups) be responsible for cleaning up trash and neatening a specific location. Eric will ask if there is a member of the Green Team or someone else who would like to spearhead/manage this project. Locations need to be defined. Expectations need to be set for what it means to maintain a location and what supplies are needed/provided. Kathleen will come up with a plan.
 - The trustees moved, seconded and **approved** Beth Porter's quote to finish the west entry landscaping.
- Bell Tower Leakage (J. Linnan): Quotes to be provided by Cornett Roofing, Hoosier Contractors, and Smithee Roofing. These should all be in hand by next meeting.
- Northwest Parking Lot Re-stripping Quote (J. Linnan): Jeff L has requested a quote from Otto Parking for resurfacing and re-stripping.

Other Business

Church

- Gathering Center Furniture (K. Custer, J. Eggert, D. Hinderliter-Lewis) - Check back second quarter
- Club Room Updates (J. Linnan): Painting and flooring is complete. We would like to consider new chairs to replace the heavy and worn colorful chairs. Kathleen to look at options.
- Painting (J. Linnan): Fellowship Hall is approximately 60% complete. The east wall by the stage will be kept the current light blue color to complement the stage curtains.
- Restroom occupancy notifier (J. Linnan): These have been installed and work well.
- Chapel Cabinets (J. Linnan): According to Andy, the cabinets are done and the doors are being worked on.

New Business

- Kathleen: Piano was too loud during the kids anthem on Sunday (both live and on YouTube). Jeff L thought it was operator error. Need to have sound checks so this sort of issue does not occur. This is also being addressed in the church staff meeting. We also need to remember that volunteers are doing this complex task and we should continue to be kind.

- Jerry noticed that flashing on the ramp has masonry eroding beneath it. Jeff L said he would take a look at it.
- The painting that used to hang above the parlor fireplace will be hung in the east gathering area. Jeff L to take care of that.
- Idea for decor in the Gathering Center: Rotating large photos of church events. Kathleen to follow up.
- Indiana Landmark Grant is a possibility to help with preservation of the building.
- Toby noted that the white fencing on the south side of the church needs repainting. Jeff L to follow up. We would like something done by Palm Sunday (April 2).
- Elevator-electronics are obsolete. Jeff L to get an update on replacement/part availability.

Future Planning

- Need to get started on getting things together for Centennial in 2031. (J. Bonner)
 - Input from all groups and communities.

Wrap-up and next meeting Information

Next Meeting: April 12, 2023 (if needed)