
Monthly Trustee Meeting Minutes

North United Methodist Church
14 June 2023

Meeting to be held in the Conference Room

In attendance: Jeff Bonner, Kathleen Custer, Andy Hein, Sarah Galloway, Julie Eggert, Toby Powell, Jeff Linnan, Jerry Hacker, Debbie Hinderliter-Lewis

Prayer

May Meeting Minutes Approved

Marie Powell – Strategic Finance Task Force

The task force is charged with 'right-sizing' the budget to match the amount we are receiving. They have written a document that explains this need and would like any feedback on it and suggestions on how to share it with the congregation.

- We have been overspending our budget, but we have had other funds to draw upon. These funds are drying up.
- The team is trying to gather data to see if this is a local/state/national trend, but it has been hard to find.
- It appears that older people are carrying the load. Communication, programs and action are needed to more involve younger adults, youth, etc.
- Kathleen raised the idea of "renting" the building to bring in additional revenue. This could also bring potential new members.
 - COVID impacted a lot of programs/people that used to come in and we have 0 weddings scheduled for the summer.
 - Could we rent the old flower shop at the northeast corner of 38th and Illinois?
- Andy raised the idea of 100th Anniversary capital fund to help care for the building, which is a historic space and is expensive to maintain.
- The Education Wing has been updated and lighting/heating can be run independently from the rest of the church is outside groups want to rent it.
- Are grants available?
- Church members need to reach out to those who aren't attending anymore to invite them back.

Scheduled (Trustee approved Projects)

- **Bell Tower Leakage:** Replacement is scheduled to begin the week of June 19 and will tentatively take the entire week. Jeff L is working through staging with them.
- **Elevator Rehab:** Deposit has been sent. We are waiting on scheduling.
- **Northwest Parking Lot Sealing and Restriping:** Sealing begins on Friday.

High Priority

Church Updates

- West Entry Step Lighting (J. Bonner & A. Hein)-Andy is planning to get a crew together to address the step lighting and it will be fixed internally.

- Gutter in courtyard is in need of repair. Quotes were vastly different based on how the new gutter was to be attached. The less expensive option is to attach the gutter to existing fascia instead of attaching to the stone. The quotes were to replace the entire gutter, rather than just the area in need of repair. Jeff L to follow up to see if it could be quoted to simply repair/replace the bad section instead of the entire thing.
- Missing Building Address per Fire Inspector-Several calls have been placed to the inspector regarding where the address signage needs to be located. It appears that it can be either on the property or the building itself. One suggestion is to add it to the sign on the corner, but if it's required to be on the building, it will need to be added there. Jeff L to ask the sign company if they know of requirements for size/location for addresses.

Medium Priority

Church Updates

- Gathering Center (J. Bonner)-Windows have been measured and checked by J. Hughes. A. Hein to reach out to our Allied Window contact Gregg Martin to obtain a quote. Lead time is approximately 18-20 weeks.
- Site Plantings (J. Bonner)-West entry. Still some ivy on the southwest corner. Jeff L doesn't remember that being part of the plan and will ask for a quote.
- Sanctuary hanging lights swap to LED's-Darren would like the blinking sanctuary light to be replaced. If we go with Barth to work on interior and exterior lighting, they will take care of it.
- Exterior Site Lighting-no action. Andy believes this can be taken care of internally. Landscaping/mulch/gravel should be placed around the new lights to protect from the mowing crew. Jeff L to ask Beth for some ideas on that.

Other Business

- Grants – Jeff B to talk with Jessica White on finding out what grants could be out there to help the Trustees. Jeff L to ask AES to see if there are any rebates/cost savings if we change these to LED.
- Sound system – John Hague would like to improve the AV system in Fellowship Hall to better film/live stream events that occur there. We have been recording (using the balcony camera) and then would like to upload to YouTube. Would like to have live stream capability. The AV team will be asked to contact Circle City Audio to provide a quote for both live stream capability and desired AV equipment.
- Change all light switches to motion sensors. Also, reduce the amount of time that the lights stay on. Still waiting to have Barth look at them again. The sensor in the Women's Room does not appear to be working properly.
- All of the partitions from room 204 that are going to be removed are gone and the room has been cleaned up. We have several wooden child-sized chairs and tables that need a home, but may be too old/broken down to donate.
- Flashing at ramp has disappeared. A different type of repair will be needed.
- Arsee Proposal for Masonry-Concern is that if we pay to update this and do not act right away, we will have to pay to update it again before we get work done. It could be rolled into a potential 100th Anniversary campaign. There are some actions that can be taken without updating this proposal. Trustees decided to wait and not update it at this time.
- Refinish wood floors in the balcony stairwells-Floors in the stairwells are very worn. It may be possible to extend the same kind of flooring that is in the balcony to the stairwells.
- Balcony spot lights to LEDs. Andy will take care of this.
- Handrail on steps from the courtyard to the hallway between the sanctuary and education wing, east side of building (J. Bonner to get measurements and get a solution): Quote from Reiss is for \$1750. Trustees approved the quote. Jeff L to schedule the work.

- All exterior railings need paint and repair. Warrenburg painting had a quote for \$2346. Trustees have questions on rust protection/remediation of the bases. Trustees **approved** the quote not to exceed \$4000 with base attention.
- New choir loft chairs-Grafton Balko believes that the chairs can be repaired with wood glue and clamps instead of replacing them. Her company can do this work. Kathleen to ask Grafton to quote this work.
- Club Room-some of the new carpet tiles (near the kitchen) are buckling. Jeff L to see if they are still under warranty.
- Photos of church activities will be hung in the Gathering Center above the fireplace. These will be updated on a regular basis.
- Five of seven landscaping areas have been “adopted” by a congregation member and will be cleared of trash once per month.

Wrap-up and next meeting Information

Next Meeting: July 12, 2023 (if needed)