

Minutes
North United Methodist Church, Inc
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 22, 2023, * 5:30 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

Members

Orson Mason, Chair
 Kathy Gifford, Vice Chair
 Troy Barker, Secretary
 Jessica White, Treasurer
 Eric Lekberg (LL/MC)

Ex Officio

Jeff Bonner (Trustees)
 Charles Young (Finance)
 Jacqueline Blackwell (At large)
 Dan Wegg (SPRC)
 Mary McDonald
 Lyn Berkebile

Darren Cushman Wood
 John Drake, Finance Director

1. Roll Call - The following members were present: Orson Mason, Troy Barker, Eric Lekberg, Jeff Bonner, Charles Young, Jacqueline Blackwell, Dan Wegg, Mary McDonald, Lyn Berkebile, Ex Officio members Pastor Darren Cushman Wood, and John Drake. Members Kathy Gifford and Jessica White were not present.
2. Opening Devotion (Pastor Darren)
3. Approval of the Minutes from the October 4, 2023, meeting, including the October 4, 2023 executive session. (Orson Mason)
 Motion made by Lynn and seconded by Mary. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Recap of Strategic Finance Meeting (Orson)
 Listing of questions presented at meeting provided.
5. Sacred Places of Indiana Grant – (Orson)

Motion for submitting a Letter of Intention to Sacred Places of Indiana regarding a landmarks grant: Trustees presented the motion; no second is required since a standing committee brought the motion forward. The motion was adopted. The motion passed unanimously.

*1. The NUMC Board of Directors (NUMC BOD) establishes an Exploratory committee to determine the appropriateness of the church obtaining a Sacred Places of Indiana grant. This committee is to work in conjunction with the NUMC Board of Trustees. The timeframe for this work is anticipated to last from December 2023 through December 2025. Members at this time are as follows: Grafton Day – Chair, Charles Young – Finance, Toby Powell – Trustees * Additional members may be added should a need develop.*

2. The NUMC BOD tasks the Board of Trustees and the Exploratory Committee to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) to Sacred Places Indiana (SPI) applying for an Indiana Landmark’s capital matching grant. The granting process takes 18-24 months and will require additional board approval before awarding a grant. The first step is to submit an LOI by December 11, 2023.

6. Reminder of January Kick-Off Meeting (no action needed) – Invitations will be sent out.
2024 Leadership Kick Off
When: Wednesday, January 31, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Where: Fellowship Hall
Who: Board of Directors and Ministries Council
7. December Board Meeting – Canceled unless something important develops.
8. Words of Thanksgiving Appreciation – Orson
9. Adjournment