

Minutes
North United Methodist Church, Inc
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 28, 2024, * 5:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

Members

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

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

Ex Officio

Darren Cushman Wood
John Drake, Finance Director

1. Roll Call - The following members were present: Orson Mason, Kathy Gifford, Troy Barker, Jeff Eggert, Eric Lekberg, Jeff Bonner, Shawn Denney, Dan Wegg, Jacqueline Blackwell, Mary McDonald Ex Officio members Pastor Darren Cushman Wood, and John Drake. Members Jeff Eggert and Lyn Berkebile were not present.
2. Opening Devotion (Pastor Darren)
3. Approval of the Minutes from the January 24, 2024, meeting (Orson Mason)
Kathy motioned to accept the minutes as distributed. The minutes were unanimously accepted.
4. Lay Leadership (Pastor Darren)
Nomination of co-chair for SPRC – Jeff Warbinton

Lay Leadership presented the motion for Jeff Warbington to be the co-chair of SPRC, which was unanimously accepted.
5. Endowment Committee
The Endowment Committee presented the following motion.
The disbursement rate for 2024 is recommended to be 3.75%.
The recommendation was unanimously accepted.
6. Finance – (John Drake)
John provided a verbal report indicating revenue exceeded the budget for January 2024. Additionally, Expenses were less than budgeted for the same period. No written report was provided. John announced to the board that he would be retiring in the coming months.
7. Senior Pastor Report, Leadership Development (Pastor Darren)
Darren and Doshia Stewart attended a two-day training meeting regarding the Sacred Spaces Grant. Doshia was asked and accepted to join the special grant committee related to Sacred Spaces.

8. Ministry Council – (Eric Lekberg)

The Ministries Council held their meeting on February 21. It was a short meeting, and no decisions were made other than to plan our meeting schedule for the year. They did discuss some topics that will be coming to the MC in the next few months.

9. Staff Parish Relations Committee – (Dan Wegg)

SPRC did not meet in January and has no new information to report.

10. Trustees – (Jeff Bonner)

The following advance report was provided:

- The trustees did not meet in February due to Ash Wednesday services.
- The Elevator rehab is going smoothly.
- Trustees are working on getting monitors in the choir loft to see the service, which is primarily paid for by a donor.
- Andy Hein is looking into the Chapel window lights.
- We should have the window inserts for the Gathering Center and Mixed-Use bathroom by early spring.
- The Green Team has the idea of adding a Butterfly Waystation on our site.
- Pastor Darren has asked us to look into relocating the stage in the Fellowship Hall.
- We are also looking into updating the kitchen in the Club Room per Pastor Darren’s request.
- We are waiting to hear from Pastor Darren or Doshia Stewart on how their fundraising training for the Indiana Landmarks Grant we received for masonry work went.

11. Adjournment – 5:20

Meetings Scheduled for 2024

January 24 - In Person	April 24 - In Person	July 24 - In Person	October 23 - In Person
February 28 Zoom 5:00	May 22 - In Person	August 28 - In Person	November 27 - In Person
March 27 Canceled	June 6 - In Person	September - In Person	December 25 - In Person