

**Minutes**  
**North United Methodist Church, Inc**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**June 28, 2023, \* 5:30 p.m.**  
**In-Person Meeting**

***Members***

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

Jeff Bonner (Trustees)  
Charles Young (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, Jessica White, Eric Lekberg, Jeff Bonner, Charles Young, Jacqueline Blackwell, Dan Wegg, Mary McDonald, Lyn Berkebile, Darren Cushman Wood, and John Drake. Jacqueline Blackwell and Mary McDonald were not present.
2. Opening Devotion (Orson)
3. Approval of the Minutes from the May 24, 2023, meeting.  
Kathy motioned to accept the minutes, and Charles seconded. Unanimously approved.
4. Senior Pastor Report, Leadership Development (Pastor Darren)  
Darren spoke of the need for intentional ways to connect with newcomers.
  - North does a great job of greeting individuals on Sunday mornings.
  - We commonly see new visitors.
  - Darren identifies an increase in young 30s visitors.
  - North needs to increase invitations to visitors.
  - This fall, North will begin doing a postcard mailing inviting visitors. (approx. 1000)

Ministry Council is planning for the Fall Ministry Fair.

5. Land Development – (Pastor Darren)  
The land development task force will present the following motion:

***The task force moves that the board of directors agree to seek ownership of the Ace Hardware store adjacent to North's property if an external funding source can be secured to acquire the property.***

Land Development (Darren) presented the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Finance – (John Drake & Charles Young)

**Notes For May 2023**  
**2023 Financial Statements**  
**Prepared by John Drake**

**Balance Sheet**

**Cash:** \$870,235.05 as of May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, compared to \$938,525.35 as of April 30th, 2023. The decrease in cash is due to the Trustees being very active and the monthly mortgage payment. Please note that we receive \$25,000 per month via on-line giving from 60 giving units. Please review the Cash Summary for May 2023, 2023. Please note that the Endowment Distribution will show in the Cash Summary Report in June 2023.

**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:** \$43,125 over budget for May 2023. Year to date we are \$65,208 over the 2023 budget through May. May was very strong.

**Non-Pledge Contributions:** \$95 under budget for May. We are \$12,342 ahead of the Budget for this income as of May 2023. This is more of a wildcard than pledge income from year to year.

**Non-Discretionary Income:** Did not transfer since actual income is higher than actual expenses.

**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 over budget for May and slightly over YTD. Payment of Bonus to Pastor of Mission and Outreach was reason for being over budget in May. Bonus approved by SPRC.

**Benefits:** We paid two employee health insurance bills totaling \$8,900 in May. Billing problem by Anthem.

**Utilities:** Total utilizes (electricity, heating fuel, and water/sewer) were \$220 under budget for the month. We paid the semi-annual billing to Marion County for Wastewater Charges. Electricity was under budget for May due to being charged twice for one of our two bills in April 2023.

**Food and Meals** – Over budget in part to the Ministries Council planning meeting.

**Building Equipment/Repairs** – We paid \$1,900 for organ tuning. Also paid \$750 on the elevators.

**Insurance** – Extra premium after a Workers Compensation Audit.

**Summary:**

- Actual expenses are \$1,800 over budget YTD. YTD our actual expenses are \$7,700 less than actual income for 2023.
- May was a good revenue month. Under budget on expenses for the month \$2,506.

Orson asked us to consider future apportionments, as we will likely discuss this topic in the August 2023 meeting.

7. Ministry Council – (Eric Lekberg)

The Ministry Council recently met and discussed strategic financial planning (task force) and previous and upcoming events - no new information to report.

- 8. Trustees – (Jeff Bonner)
  - Ongoing Projects -
  - Parking Lot upgrades – Project Completed
  - Landscaping – In Process
  - Lighting of west entry steps - Ongoing
  - Handrail in Parlor - Ongoing
  - Elevator Repairs - Scheduled
  - Bell Tower – In process

A meeting is scheduled with the Indiana Landmark Sacred Places.

- 9. Staff Parish Relations Committee – (Dan Wegg)
  - Sunil’s salary was adjusted through a bonus related to his status change.

**Meetings Scheduled for 2023**

January 25 Zoom ✓	April 26 Live ✓	July 26 Zoom	October 25 Zoom
February 22 Live ✓	May 24 Zoom ✓	August 23 Live	November 22* Live
March 22 Canceled	June 28 Live ✓	September 27 Zoom	December 20* Zoom