

**Minutes**  
**North United Methodist Church, Inc**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**August 28, 2024, \* 5:30 p.m.**  
**In-Person Meeting and Zoom**

**Members**

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

**Ex Officio**

Shawn Denney (Finance)  
Jacqueline Blackwell (At large)  
*Jeff Warbinton (SPRC Chair)*  
Mary McDonald  
Lyn Berkebile

Darren Cushman Wood

1. Roll Call

All members listed above were present except for Jeff Eggert and Lyn Berkebile

2. Opening Devotion (Pastor Darren)

3. Approval of the Minutes from the July meeting (Orson Mason)

Minutes were approved without corrections or edits.

Motion by Kathy Gifford and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Lekberg

4. Finance – (Shawn Denney/Jeff Eggert)

- Shawn acknowledged Marie Powel, Nancy R. and Bookkeeping Plus for all their monumental efforts in helping with the accounting functions since John Drakes sudden death.
- The Finance Committee is in discussion about moving the Finance Committee meeting to the fourth Tuesday of each month to allow Nancy more time to gather monthly reports.

Monthly Finance Report

- Shawn reported that pledges are 63K less than expected year to date.
  - Wages are 19K less than budgeted year to date.
  - The building and equipment expenses are 61K over budget.
  - Donor statements will be mailed out in mid-September.
  - The finance Committee will begin on the 2025 budget in late September.
5. Senior Pastor Report, Leadership Development & Land Development (Pastor Darren)
- **Charge Conference - November 3rd 5:00 PM** ~ Speedway United Methodist Church. Board of Directors are strongly encouraged to attend (**Please**)
  - The environmental agreement with Ace Hardware is a couple of weeks from being finalized. The hold-up has been with Ace Hardware's insurance company.
  - On September 1, 2024, Brandon Wallace will be preaching. Rev. Phil Doral and Rev. Curt Hurley will be officiating communion.
  - Worship Without Walls is scheduled for September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

6. Staff Parish Relations Committee – (Jeff Warbinton and Pastor Darren)

- Brandon Wallace is now the minister of Christian education overseeing children and youth.
- We have started the search for a pastor of community formation, who will serve the Mission and Outreach and Discipleship and Formation ministry areas. This will be a full-time position. Darren doesn't feel we will have success in filling this position throughout this calendar year.
- Danita Hoskin started working this summer as our part-time community outreach liaison, assisting Bread & Bowl in addition to managing the farmer's market.
- On September 1<sup>st</sup> Rev. Joan Barclay will begin serving as our part-time pastor of visitation.
- Specific pieces of the finance process will continue to be outsourced to Bookkeeping Plus.
- The staff parish relations committee has expanded Nancy Ricketts' role to business administrator, who will oversee our finances. Daren foresees this move to continue for the next year.
- We will search/hire a part-time office assistant to provide additional support in the church office. Expected workdays to be Monday through Thursday.
- Jeff W. acknowledged going away parties for Sunil and Amy went very well.

7. Ministry Council – (Eric Lekberg)

- The Ministry Council did not meet in August and has no report to file.

8. Trustees – (Jeff Bonner)

- The Masonry consultant will meet with the Trustees at their upcoming meeting.
- Elevators are updated in working order.
- Exploring other grant opportunities.

9. New/Other Business

10. Adjournment

**Meetings Scheduled for 2024**

January 24 ✓	April 24 ✓	July 24 ✓	October 23
February 28 ✓	May 22 ✓	August 28 ✓	November 27
March 27 Canceled	June 26 Canceled	September 25	December 25 (TBD)