
Monthly Trustee Meeting

North United Methodist Church
14 August 2024

Meeting held in the Conference Room

In Attendance: Kathleen Custer, Andy Hein, Toby Powell, Eric Oehler, Jerry Hacker, Julie Eggert, Jeff Bonner, Jeff Linnan, Darren Cushman-Wood

Prayer-Jeff B

July Meeting Minutes-Approved

Special Guest: John Hague – to review his requested AV items and quote

- FORCETech Proposal and quote (\$31,566.39) are to expand upon what we are already doing in the sanctuary to cover other areas in the building (chapel and Fellowship Hall). This also includes having a wall plate in the West Entry to enable live stream from that area, community room, Gathering Center, parking lot.
 - Need a second camera in the chapel, and two cameras plus additional equipment in Fellowship Hall. This would allow a live stream to be done by one person. Some existing equipment (cable runs) that support live stream in the sanctuary is already set up into the Fellowship Hall ceiling.
 - An additional box is required for additional inputs and outputs.
 - Minimal learning curve-equipment isn't new, locations are new. Additional investment after this would not be needed for the foreseeable future. The AV team is already gaining more skills and capability.
 - The additional capability would allow us to charge additional funds if outside groups wanted to live stream an event using our equipment.
 - Pastor Darren would like Ministries Council to weigh in on having live stream capabilities outside the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. He doesn't believe that everything needs to be live-streamed. More intimate services and events do not need to be live-streamed.
 - Would like to see a break down of the quote to see the costs of each item and where each item would be used.
- There is a second separate proposal to hook up the choir video monitors for \$3948.19 (tablets have already been purchased, this is for converters, hooking it up, and running cable). There is a donor to cover parts of this cost. Trustees voted to **approve** an amount not to exceed \$5000.00 to complete this project. Kathleen will talk with the donor about the amount of money they are planning to invest. Jerry, Andy, and Jeff L will meet with FORCETech to see what is involved in getting this done.

Scheduled (Trustee approved Projects)

- **Arsee exterior masonry study-** The report has been received. An Arsee rep will be attending our September meeting to answer questions and go over details as needed. Jeff B distributed questions from the grant committee. A fundraising committee will be created to help raise the matching funds (\$250,000), but there are larger projects related to the centennial and other building needs to the tune of \$1.6 million. Pastor Darren believes the fundraising should have long-range goals in mind.

- **Security Monitors Update – Jeff Linnan.** During a visit in early July, according to the rep from Nelson Alarm (our monitoring company), the EVR (electronic video recorder) does not need to be replaced and all of the cameras work. The software was double installed and impacted programming and system performance. Later in July, Jerry, Andy, and Jeff L met with COVI to discuss the solution they were proposing. They feel that the EVR is failing and needs to be replaced that includes a new hardware fee for each camera-which provides more profit for them. Since Nelson doesn't feel we have issues with our current equipment, he doesn't think we need to go ahead with this project. At this time, we will not work with COVI, and continue to get support from Nelson Alarm.
- **Sign Post Signage**-Currently being constructed
- **Roof Repairs: Community Room and South Roof-** The Community room bathroom leak was due to a leaky water pan from the AC units. The Community Room kitchen leak is still being addressed. The South Roof has been repaired and sealed. The Bell Tower door has been replaced.

Budget Issues-We have spent most of our funds for 2024 due to the elevators and large HVAC repairs. According to Marie Powell (who has been investigating budget issues since the death of John Drake), all of the yearly budget work was not completed, and many line item funds were not allocated into the designated, endowed, and general funds. We need to watch our spending until we better understand how much money we have left.

Church Updates

- Loose or broken tiles in the West Entry-Most have been replaced with what we had on hand. There are still a few more that could be done
- MLK Building Use: Formal classes start later this month. Having their staff in the building has been going smoothly so far.
- West entry signage-No Update

Wrap-up and next meeting Information

Next Meeting: September 11, 2024