

Minutes
North United Methodist Church, Inc
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 23, 2024, 5:30 p.m.
In-Person Meeting

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 Jeff Eggert, Eric Lekberg, Shawn Denney, Jacqueline Blackwell, Jeff Warbinton, Mary McDonald, Lyn Berkebile, and Mary McDonald. Jeff Bonner and Marie Powell participated via Zoom.

Marie Powel was present representing the Strategic Financial Planning Task Force

2. Opening Devotion/Prayer (Orson Mason)

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

Motion present by Troy Barker – Seconded by */** Passed unanimously.

4. Report from the Strategic Financial Planning Task Force

Postponed to December Meeting

5. Finance – (Shawn Denney)

Report Provided in Advance

1. **Fund Classification Update:**

- North is in the final stages of correctly classifying funds.
- We project that the numbers will be in the correct categories in time for the 2025 budget process.

2. **Budget Status:**

- North is currently \$195,000 over budget.
 - \$7,000 is from total expenses exceeding projections.
 - \$188,000 is from pledged and other income not yet received.
- Despite this, North has done a good job finding budget efficiencies while staying true to our mission goals.

3. **Projected Expenses and Donations:**

- We anticipate expenses may increase some before the end of the year, but not significantly.
- We recommend sending a reminder to the congregation regarding pledges and other donations.

6. Senior Pastor Report, Leadership Development & Land Development (Pastor Darren)
 Leadership Development has completed its ask/appoint process for the upcoming year. Pastor Darren indicated he appreciated the oversight provided by Bookkeeping Place. Pastor Darren indicated he will speak to the congregation on October 27 regarding 2024 giving opportunities. His goal for the 2025 Budget is to provide additional transparency regarding income and expenses related to specific mission/program income and expenses so that the church can see the program's cost.
7. Trustees – (Jeff Bonner)
 The trustees met in October (10/6/24). Doshia Stewart has joined the Trustees as a new member. The Trustees discussed the need for five (5) million dollars over the next five (5) years for capital-level maintenance items for the church.
8. Ministry Council – (Eric Lekberg)
 No Report Provided
9. Staff Parish Relations Committee – (Jeff Warbinton)
 No Report Provided
10. Charge Conference Reminder – Speedway UMC November 3, 2024.
11. Adjournment

Meetings Scheduled for 2024

January 24 ✓	April 24 ✓	July 24 ✓	October 23 ✓
February 28 ✓	May 22 ✓	August 28 ✓	November 27 Moved
March 27 Canceled	June 26 Canceled	September 25 ✓	December 18