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# Monthly Trustee Meeting Minutes

North United Methodist Church  
13 November 2024

## Meeting held in the Conference Room 5:30p.m.

**In Attendance:** Jeff Bonner, Kathleen Custer, Jerry Hacker, Toby Powell, Eric Oehler, Julie Eggert, Andy Hein, Jeff Linnan

**Prayer-**Jeff B

## October Meeting Minutes Approved

### Scheduled (Trustee approved Projects)

- **Exterior masonry-**Awaiting updated proposal from Arsee, tuck pointing the south side of the sanctuary, and west side for aesthetics. No update. Still in process.
- **Sign Post Signage-**Greenfield Signs has not been responding to requests for information from Jeff L. These are the signs for the front door and 39th and Illinois. Jeff L exchanged e-mails with them and hopes these are completed before he has to cancel and find a new vendor.

### **Church Updates**

- Choir Loft Video Monitors: Jerry, Andy, and Eric installed the cables. ForceTech installation was completed on November 12. Jeff is ordering cable connectors to complete the project.
- Water Heater replacement: An initial quote from Gordon's plumbing came in at \$12,000 due to their thinking we needed a custom option to match what we currently have. They were the company that installed our current water heater 5 years ago. Jeff L is going to check with the supplier to see if there is a warranty.
  - Three other options were proposed by Irish:
    - Replace with one similar to existing-120 gallon tank for \$10,500
    - Replace with 80 gallon, (less heat recovery than existing) for \$6585
    - Replace with residential 50 gallon for \$3060 (which would be adequate for our use)
  - Andy H found one at Lowe's (50 gallon) for \$750 that we could have Irish install. Jeff L to ask Irish for an estimate for installation. **Trustees approved** an amount not to exceed \$3500 to have Irish install a water heater purchased from Lowe's.
- Shower repair has been completed. (From building manager report)
- Chapel lights are still not working properly. Sometimes they come on, sometimes they don't.
- Art Display for the violin competition will occur in the Gathering Center in January. They will hang and remove the art.
- Lactation Station side tables-still need to be assembled. Eric O has offered to assemble them.
- Trash enclosures:
  - People have been "dumpster diving" and sleeping in the enclosure. Darren made the decision to chain and lock the enclosure for safety reasons. Coordination will be needed for trash pick-up days.
  - The recycle bin is also in this enclosure and locking it will prevent members from using it. **Trustees recommend** unlocking it on Sundays so that church members can bring

their recycling when they come to church and keep it locked at other times (except pick-up day).

- Kitchen use: A member reached out to see if someone they know could possibly rent the use of our kitchen for a time for a catering business. Trustees raised issues surrounding potential insurance liability, impact on non-profit tax exempt status, and the amount of time the kitchen would be used. Because of the raised issues, the **Trustees recommend** against granting this use.
- Club room kitchen remodel-Tabled until 2025 due to budget unknowns.
- Vestibule used for Bread and Bowl entry-after repeated heating issues, **Trustees recommend** that we do not heat this space, remove the heating system that is there, and seal and better insulate it.

### **Future projects for 2025**

- High priority items were listed by Doshia Stewart at the October meeting. Other needs:
  - Ongoing painting maintenance-complete what isn't done and repaint completed areas as needed. (Maintenance, \$5000/year)
  - HVAC-as needed \$30,000
  - Exterior lighting- one fixture is knocked over and not working
  - Continue replacing storm windows with inserts (same ones that we used in Gathering Center). Need to consider if we do just a few at a time, or budget for a couple of years and do one large project. \$5000 for next year
  - Sanctuary lights-need plan for LED replacement that can be repaired in place

**Next Meeting:** December 11, 2024