

**Minutes**  
**North United Methodist Church**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**January 22,2025, 5:30 PM**  
**In-Person Meeting**

Members

Kathy Gifford, Chair  
Perry Kea, Vice Chair  
Karen Horiszny, Secretary  
Jeff Eggert, Treasurer  
Eric Oehler, Trustees Rep  
Jeff Warbinton, SPRC Rep

Ex Officio

Darren Cushman Wood

Shawn Denney, Finance Rep  
Eric Lekberg, Ministries Council  
Lyn Berkebile, Lay Delegate to AC  
Garland Graves, Member at-large  
Jacqueline Blackwell, Member at-large

1. Roll Call

All members listed above were present except Lyn Berkebile.  
Shawn Denney and Garland Graves participated by Zoom.

2. Approval of the minutes from the December meeting.

Motion made by Erik Lekberg, Jacqueline Blackwell seconded. Unanimously approved.

3. Introductions (Kathy Gifford)

4. Devotion (Romans 12, 4-8) and Discussion

- a. Looking back at 2024, what are 1 or 2 stories about our church you want to celebrate?
- b. Looking forward, what are the pressing challenges facing our church? Why are they challenges?

5. Business updates

- a. Stewardship /2025 Budget (Darren Cushman Wood)
  - i. Stewardship committee met on 1/21/25
  - ii. Goal is to adopt the 2025 budget at the February board meeting
- b. Ministries Council (Eric Lekberg)
  - i. Working on calendar for the first half of the year
- c. SPRC (Jeff Warbinton)
  - i. Update on the Pastor of Community Formation search
  - ii. A candidate has been interviewed by a small committee
- d. Trustees (Eric Oehler)
  - i. Discussed Sacred Places matching grant
  - ii. Discussed insurance
  - iii. Discussed HVAC issues

- iv. Requested information on endowment distribution (expected at February board meeting)
    - e. Finance (Shawn Denney)
      - i. Finance Committee met 1/21/25
      - ii. Will send reports after meeting
- 6. Senior Pastor updates and announcements
  - a. Upcoming events
    - i. A week from tonight is leadership kick off
    - ii. This Sunday is the consecration of church leadership
  - b. District is going through a transition which will culminate at General Conference in June
    - i. Going from 10 districts to 5
    - ii. Trying to have parity among District Superintendents – equal number of churches
    - iii. We have a new District Superintendents
- 7. Nomination of Charles Young to SPRC
  - a. Eric Lekberg motioned, Jeff Warbinton seconded. Unanimously approved
- 8. New/Other Business
  - a. Next meeting is February 26
- 9. Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM