

Minutes
North United Methodist Church
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 23, 2018
5:30 p.m.

Members

Shannon Priddy, Chair
Ron Gifford, Vice Chair
David Wills (SPRC)
John Drake (Finance)
Kathleen Custer (LL)

Leslie Knox (AL)
Alan Archibald (MC/LL)
Mark Grove, Secretary
Jacqueline Blackwell (LL to AC)

Ex Officio

Darren Cushman Wood
Josh Jordan

Absent

Jack Leonard, Treasurer
Jeff Eggert (AL)
Mark Foglesong (AL)
Eric Oehler (Trustees)

1. Darren opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. The minutes of the March 28th meeting were approved unanimously as distributed.
 - April's meeting was cancelled.
3. Update on the relationship in the timeline with [East 10th UMC](#) (Darren)
 - See also [February](#) (p .2) and [March](#) (p. 5) minutes and appointment of Minister of Visitation in SPRC report below.
 - Diane Gattone will start as Minister of Visitation on June 1 and attend worship on June 3rd. She will attend Sundays at North the rest of June in order to become acquainted with North's membership.
 - Beyond June, Diane will be ministering at North during the week and in worship here one Sunday a month. In exchange, we will supply the pulpit at East Tenth on those Sundays.
 - Josh Beach, former North intern, will enroll at CTS for the fall semester. Darren is considering bringing Josh on staff as a seminary intern for us, paid out of a designated budget line, but who would do most of his Sunday work at East 10th. His presence there would ease the pressure on filling that pulpit by our rotating pastors/ministers on the Sundays Diane is attending worship at North.
 - To begin to build our relationship, East 10th members have been invited to attend the June 24th *Worship without Walls* at North. Darren also suggested some of the board and other lay members might extend our welcome attend services at East 10th in June. Jacqueline offered to do so June 3rd; Shannon on the 17th.
 - Preaching and small group focus for the fall will be on the *Parables*. Forming a small group with membership from both churches would be an additional way to strengthen this new relationship.
 - East 10th will be one of the volunteer sites for our second annual *Servant Day*, the first weekend of October. As he did last year, Ronnie will be organizing this event.

4. Committee/Board/Senior Pastor Reports

- Finance (John)
 - Income remains up for the year.
 - Expenses are under budget for the month and year.
 - In addition to other savings, Darren noted that Nancy Fykes, North's Business Manager, has found ways to save money on a number of things in the front office.
- Trustees (Eric)
 - No report
- Staff Parish Relations Committee *SPRC* (David)
 - The Staff Parish Relations Committee has approved the hiring of Diane Gattone as our new Minister of Visitation.
 - The Minister of Visitation replaces the parish nurse position that had been held by Pat Thorlton until her retirement last year. In this role, Diane will visit and coordinate care among our members, especially the homebound and sick, and will provide programmatic support for our ministries of care and nurture.
 - Because North's position is part-time, Diane's other work will include a quarter-time as the pastor of East 10th UMC and a quarter-time assisting the Central District.
 - We are paying a lump sum to her for her to use to buy her own health insurance.
 - Following a motion, the board unanimously approved the award of a housing exclusion of \$5,000 for Diane.
 - SPRC hosted a Staff Appreciation luncheon on April 10th that was well received by the staff.
 - Nancy Fykes faces a number of issues that currently limit her time spent in the office. In response, SPRC approved a flextime schedule for her that will allow some work to be done remotely and as her schedule allows.
 - Cindy Dale is no longer with us; we will start a search for a full-time bookkeeper soon.
 - A search will also begin for an additional part-time custodian.
- Ministries Council (Alan)
 - The Fall calendar is being finalized.
 - Children's Ministry reports that 8-9 children and youth are going camping this year; Amy Sell will lead one of the weeks of [camp](#) through the conference.
 - Vacation Bible School is coming up on five Wednesdays beginning in June (June 6, 13, 20, 27 and July 11).
 - North received permission from the city for closing 39th street to vehicular traffic during the days we host the [Farmers' Market](#). The Market will be held 4:00-6:30 every two weeks from June 7-September 20th.
 - We have our new market manager.
 - [Project Transformation's summer day camp](#) for kids, has about 20 registrants so far. The program has a capacity of 60. Promotional efforts continue for this four-day-a-week program held during June and July at [North](#).

- Tyler Sprouse, North's summer Duke Intern, starts May 27th and will be with us through the first Sunday in August.
- *Welcoming the Sojourner*, a discussion on what steps can be taken to advocate for refugees, will be held June 3rd from 5:00-7:00. This event will include a panel of three young people affected by the federal government's ending of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.
- On a related note, [Faith in Indiana](#) (formerly IndyCAN!), held a statewide conference at North on April 21st with approximately 1,100 attendees.
 - *The mission of the organization is to serve "...as a catalyst for marginalized people and people of faith to act collectively for racial and economic justice."*



- IndyPride will be held June 9th and as in the past North will be participating in the parade and hosting a booth at the festival.
- Volunteers (including *committees or boards*) are sought for June 3, 10, and 17 to help host the fellowship activity after second service rotate hosting. Daphne Chen coordinates.
- Concern was expressed about adding some additional security at the fellowship hour when we may have more neighborhood visitors than members in the room.
 - Josh will follow-up with Chuck Teague to ask Tim Williams to make some extra walk-throughs.
- Leadership Development (Kathleen)
 - No meeting this month.

5. No Executive Session was held.
 See [January 2015 minutes](#), page 6, item 7.

2018 Meeting Dates

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| ● June 27 | ● October 24 |
| ● July 25 | ● November 28 |
| ● August 22 | ● December 19 (3 rd Wednesday) |
| ● September 26 | |