

NORTHWEST HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor Charlie Baskin; Associate Pastor Audrey Spencer; Neill Gruver, Board Chair; Ken Moyer; Gary Johnson; Daniel Dietz; Carol Wratten; Jean Leonard; Millie Shimfessel; Ron Bruney; Brad Hoffman; Greg Gitcho
Harold Cline

MEMBERS ABSENT: Les Broomall; Clyde Barre; Joseph Hello and Elliott Moulton

RECORDING

SECRETARY: Carol Wratten

1. Opening prayer

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The opening prayer was given by Charlie Baskin .

2. Minutes from March 17th meeting were reviewed and approved.

Harold Cline moved for approval and Brad Hoffman seconded.

3. Review and discussion of Ideal Impact possible energy audit of the Church

Ron Bruney led the discussion and moved to adopt the contract proposed by Ideal Energy. It was seconded by Harold Cline and approved by the Board. The contract is for 4 years and is anticipated to save the church on energy usage without any capital investment. The proforma is below

Northwest Hills UMC Active Revenue Creation		
	Basic Commitment	Committed Steward
Current Energy Expenses	\$73,450	\$73,450
Proposed Savings (%)	\$11,752 16.0%	\$16,894 23.0%
15 Year Savings Total*	\$295,316	\$424,517
Annual Cap (4 yr)	\$9,486	\$9,486
Net 15 Year Savings	\$257,372	\$386,573

4. Trustee Issues – Ron Bruney

There will be a work day May 2, 2015 from 8-12. The trustees have a list of projects and the primary focus will be to remove the damaged flooring in the youth building. Options for replacement are under consideration and funding will need to be secured.

Brad performed an aerial assessment of the campus and identified multiple missing ridge shingles on the roof of the sanctuary. An estimate for repair will need to be secured for this as well as the replacement of fascia boards on the FLC.

5. Finance issues – Les Broomall

Les provided a finance report that was presented by Harold Cline.

- a. MFH continues their positive financial position with an increase in their bank balance of more than \$34,000 for the year to date. They are working to have enough surplus to remodel their kitchen. The budget numbers in the Revenue Expense report are from their proposed budget that was approved by their Board in March.
- b. The church also has a large increase in the operating bank account of over \$42,000 for the year to date. This increase was largely fueled by members who increased their pledges for 2015 and paid that increase with a one-time payment as indicated by the pledged income for the month being \$10,905 above budget (year to date it is \$23,273 above budget)! We paid our full Base Apportionments year to date, and we have paid the full budgeted Apportionment Benevolences to date. Our budget leaves us \$34,717 short of paying our apportionments fully. Note that our cash balance shows an upward trend for March, the first time in the seven years we are tracking!
- c. The church's Operating and Money Market account at Compass Bank, all of the church's accounts at Texas Methodist Foundation and all of My Friend's House accounts at Compass Bank have been reconciled for the month of March.

6. Special Request- Greg Gitcho

Greg is working with Matt Domsch who has approached the church about the possibility of renting the basketball courts Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evenings days during the week and Saturday morning from November through March for the NNAYBA to serve children grades 1-4 in a basketball league. The Board voted to pursue the discussion and see if accommodations could be made. This would be a way to attract families and bring in revenue. There are other groups using the facility during the week day night currently. Other areas on campus could potentially be used.

7. SPRC—Jean Leonard

Ben May has turned in his resignation as Choir Director effective the end of June. He will be moving to Houston to be married and to pursue a PhD in Music. A search committee including Tom Wagoner, Dick Lilly, Terry Sloan, Ben May and Gary Johnson will meet April 23rd to revise the job description and begin the discussion about his replacement.

8. UMM Update – Ken Moyer

The women's dinner prepared and hosted by the UMM was enjoyed by 45 women.

The Golf Tournament is May 9 at the Lion's Golf Course with a fish fry and dessert auction afterwards in the Family life Center. They hope to feed 100 people. Ken stated that he would like a sign-up section on the NWHUMC web page.

9. UMW update – Millie Shimfessel

Millie reminded that on April 25, the UMM is sponsoring lunch for the folks working on the Habitat build. Sue Abold, Nancy Gibson and one other member will serve. They will be providing sandwich fixings and cookie. Amanda made a presentation to the group April 14 that was much appreciated. Lunch for staff will be on May 12.

UMW has decided to discontinue the meal preparations for the Care Team as many of the members no longer drive and the meals were not being used or disappearing from the freezer. Instead they are planning to sponsor a fellowship meal at the end of the school year in May and possibly one in August. UMW will not meet during June and July.

10. Youth Program– Daniel Dietz

There is a mission trip to San Antonio with Blue Print Ministries June 28-July 2. At this point there are 10 youth signed up to participate. The group has cancelled the planned April fundraising dinner because plans were not finalized in time to advertise well. On May 2 the confirmation class will have it's final retreat at Camp Tejas.

11. Communications—Audrey Spencer

Audrey has received a proposal for a web hosted membership database solution to help manage communications and engagement within the congregation. It is currently in use at Westlake UMC and has helped them increase involvement of church members with educational and service opportunities with targeted communications. Discovery is ongoing to assess the benefit relative to the cost which is estimated to be \$10,000 the first year. (\$4-5000) each year thereafter.

12. Pastors update—Charlie Baskin

Charlie shared what is coming Up: “Navigate” is in April and July for those not familiar with the Bible. The “Explore God” series of studies begin in July. There will also be an upcoming class on “Taking an Inventory of Spiritual Gifts.”

13. Other issues-Charlie Baskin

Charlie reported on the follow up of the Department of Agriculture Meals Audit of My Friends House. The action plan to correct the documentation deficiencies surrounding the meal program was accepted April 2 protecting the funding for this program. Charlie is confident that the sustainment plan and oversight is adequate.

Charlie visited this month with Daniel Evans of the Navigator Program for International Students. The program continues to grow. A separate Mommy and me group for young mothers and their children is meeting and Charlie has provided 3 boxes of illustrated bibles to the children at Daniel’s request. Daniel told Charlie a wonderful story of a 6 year old boy whose study of the bible kindled the desire to know more about Jesus in his parent. A Saturday activity for children and their Dad’s is in the planning stage.

God is doing great work with this program.

A special worship service is planned Sunday at 4 with Wesley UMC and their choir is singing.

14. Purpose Team Report- Gary Johnson

The Purpose Team will meet May 6, 2015 for the first time this year.

15. Upcoming events

International Worship Sunday is May 24, 2015 from 6-8 PM

Fifth Sunday Fellowship will be May 31,2015 with an Ice Cream Social to start the summer from 4-6 PM.

16. Habitat Build- Neill Gruver

Habitat build is ongoing. UMW providing lunch.

We have raised \$2500 of our \$6500 pledge

17. Closing prayer- Audrey Spencer

A closing prayer was offered by Audrey at 8:30 and the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be May 19 and meetings from May until September will begin at 6:30 PM.