

Northwest Hills UMC Draft Board Minutes

7:00 pm October 21, 2014

Members Present: Pastor Charlie Baskin, Associate Pastor Audrey Spencer; Board Chair Neill Gruver; Les Broomall; Jean Leonard; Ken Moyer; Nancy Gibson; Allen Woelke; Brad Hoffman; Gary Johnson; Daniel Dietz; Elliot Moulton; Carol Wratten; Elizabeth Gunter

Members Absent: Patti Bizzell; Greg Gitcho; Richard Wilkison

Recording Secretary: Carol Wratten

Opening Prayer:

Called to order 7:00 PM. Opening prayer by Charlie Baskin. Charlie and Audrey shared examples of the way in which God is moving in the ministries of the church- especially the Wednesday youth program. People have courageously shared their pain in a nurturing environment. This outreach is growing and meeting the needs of the youth in our community allowing us to share God's love.

Approval of minutes from September 16th meeting.

Moved: approval by Charlie Baskin

Second: Jean Leonard

Vote: Unanimously passed

Trustees: Allen Woelke

Required sprinkler repairs are still being explored. We will probably have to replace parts of the system.

The utilities ran \$1400 over budget this month. Resources put aside for roof repairs were spent on air-conditioning maintenance and replacement of a unit in the Family Life Center.

There have been some homeless individuals more in evidence. We have asked them to leave when there are children present, but otherwise we have tried to be gracious and supportive.

There are plans to put a security light on the side of the FLC this week.

Financial issues. Les Broomall

August Financial report:

- a. The MFH account balance is again increasing with almost \$6,400 increase over August.
- b. The church continues meeting our financial obligations except for paying the benevolence part of our apportionments with \$61,000 operating cash on hand thanks to

the early payment of pledges in the February-March time frame. If we were paying the benevolence part of our apportionments, our operating cash on hand would be \$21,861. Although our income from visitor offerings is only 45% of budget and income from members who did not pledge is only 90% of expectations, our overall income is almost right on budget thanks to pledged income of 102% and income from outside use of our facilities at 144% of budget. Expenses are only 95% of the budgeted amount with all accounts below budget.

- 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 reconciled for the month of September. On the Balance Sheet, Account 1001 Compass Checking and Account 1003 NW Hills UMC Operating must be added together to obtain the total cash available at Compass Bank. Bank reconciliations of these two accounts agree in total but the dollar amounts in the two accounts do not match the numbers included on the Balance Sheet. The discrepancy occurs because the Business Manager is in the process of closing one account and establishing the new checking account.

Audit of 2013 finances:

- a. The report of the audit of the 2013 finances of both the church and My Friends House was provided in August. The response to the findings is attached along with the original report.

Compass Bank Checking status:

- a. We have opened the second checking account with Compass Bank (1003 • NWHills UMC Operating line item on the Balance Sheet). We will have to wait a few months to close the original checking account to give time for the checks written on that account to clear.

August Financials Approval

Report approved by the committee after a motion by Allen Woelke and a second by multiple members.

Stewardship: No report.

SPRC: Jean Leonard

Alex Werner our new Contemporary Worship Leader began this past Sunday.

Ronnie Hawkins was just hired as a part time night custodian.

UMM update. Ken Moyer

The annual steak dinner was attended by 75 men who enjoyed the meal and a speaker. The speaker Matt Mitchell, a sports announcer from KVUE, was well received.

Greater Vision will perform Friday evening. Pay Pal available through a website link has been very effective with advance ticket sales. Now that this technology exists there is a lot of opportunity to use this for other events in the future..

UMW: Nancy Gibson

September : Solange Woodson spoke to us about the Wednesday afternoon program for Murchison students. She also brought information about Furaha House, African Family Center; there are several opportunities for volunteering.

October: Sue Abold presented the first half of our UMW study “How is it With Your Soul” is the book for the study. She will continue in November

At the District Meeting we received certificates for Five Star Giving and Social Action. These are on our bulletin board in the hall.

We have been asked to bring the sweets for Bonnie’s service on Saturday.

Youth update. Elliot Moulton

The youth received a \$4000 in grant for the after school ministry from UMC Young People’s Ministry .

The after school ministry is going well with between 30-40 participants each week. Most youth have registered and their parents are aware of the program.

Youth lockin October 11, 2014 had 6 youth from the Wednesday program attending and they stayed for church the next day. Several had never attended church before.

Wednesday Night Live has had 15-23 attendees each week. This group is exploring God and faith. The goal is to bring more youth to Christ and the response has been amazing with great sharing and support.

Small youth groups- squads- meeting in homes are beginning to help build relationships with God and a Christian community. We are still recruiting leaders.

Children’s Program: Charlie Baskin

Parents night out has started back under Amanda’s leadership with activities for multiple age levels. There were 30 children at the first night. This greatly benefits the parents from My Friends House and is an outreach opportunity.

Communications Team: Audrey Spencer

The team is meeting Thursday. It did not meet last month.

Healthy Church Initiative: Charlie Baskin

The Discipleship Path work with people exploring church membership has begun with “A Closer Look” with the pastor last week. Meetings with the pastor are planned every 2 weeks.

Advent: Charlie Baskin

We will be highlighting the missions that are a part of the apportionments that we have not yet funded. There is wonderful work sponsored by the greater UMC that we will present and pray that the congregation will step up to closing the gap in our support to the conference.

Sunday December 7 will be the Children's Pageant

Saturday December 13 will be the Gingerbread House

December 21- will be the Cantata

5th Sunday will be combined with the Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday November, 23, 2014

Closing prayer given by Audrey.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on November 18, 2014.