

NORTHWEST HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 18, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor Charlie Baskin; Associate Pastor Audrey Spencer; Neill Gruver Board Chair; Ken Moyer; Les Broomall ;Daniel Dietz; Carol Wratten; Ron Bruney; Brad Hoffman; Harold Cline

MEMBERS ABSENT: Greg Gitcho;Clyde Barre; Joseph Hello ;Gary Johnson; Jean Leonard; Elliott Moulton;Millie Shimfessel

RECORDING

SECRETARY: Carol Wratten

1. Opening prayer

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. The opening prayer was given by Charlie Baskin .

2. Minutes from July meeting were reviewed and approved.

Les Broomall moved for approval and Carol Wratten

3.Trustee Report- Ron Bruney

a. Energy Audit-First bill from Ideal Impact- was \$950. The savings was \$1000 and our contract pays they 95% of the savings this year.

b. There is substantial heat generated at the windows on the east side of the building making several offices very uncomfortable for occupancy. Three estimates were obtained to place film on the windows. The cost for 10 windows ranged from \$1000-2300. The expectation is that the film will reduce the temperature in these rooms in the afternoon by 7-9 degrees. . The trustees have the funds to do the repairs and informed the board of their decision. The board agrees with but were not required to approve the decision.

c. The retention pond failed a city inspection. It need to be raised to the level of the concrete. A bid is pending to gradually bring the level up to city code.

d. A work day is planned for SaturdaySeptember 19. Details to follow.

4. Finance issues – Les Broomall

July Financial report:

a. MFH had another good month with an increase in their bank balance of \$64,690 for the year to date. They are working to have enough surplus to remodel their kitchen.

b. The August Revenue and Expense report reflects the changes to the 2015 budget approved at our July meeting. Where there were changes to the annual budget in individual line items and the allocation was equal for each month, that allocation was made to the August through December budget numbers and the July budget number accounted for any difference in the year to date number. For that reason, the July budget numbers may not be an accurate reflection of the budget. For the rest of the year, the monthly budget numbers should accurately reflect the budget.

c. The church income for the year to date is \$3,794 above the revised budget. Pledged income remains slightly above budget for the year to date, Unpledged offering and Visitor offering are slightly below budget, and Loose Plate offering is well above budget thanks to one unexpected contribution of \$7,800. Expenses are below budget for the month and remain well below budget for the year to date.

d. 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 July.

5. Stewardship- no report

6. SPRC— Charlie Baskin

Alex Woerner turned in his resignation this week. His wife Lindsay as a Christian counselor at another Christian church is expected to worship with that congregation. After prayerful consideration Alex has decided that it is important that he join her so that they are worshipping as a family. A search committee will be appointed to find his replacement.

Charlie is going to ask Jean to do an exit interview. Alex has stated that NWH could not have been more welcoming – praise band and as a church congregation.

7. UMM Update – Ken Moyer

Charles Arken- AISD Board member and former high school principal will be the speaker at the UMM Steak Dinner to be held September 13. The meal is free.

UMM recently made a \$500 back to school donation to Comfort House and a \$500 donation to the pastor's discretionary fund

8. UMW update – Charlie Baskin

UMW did not meet during June and July. They will be hosting the 5'th Sunday Fellowship August 30 from 4-6. It is planned to be a multigenerational event with a back to school blessing of the backpacks. Hot dogs, chili and cookies will be served and children will make crafts to present to the elderly.

9. Youth Program– Daniel Dietz

The summer activities are wrapping up and a lock in is being planned for September.

The after school program begins September 9. Mr. Gattis will again sponsor pizzas.

A new banner will soon go up announcing the program.

10. Communications—Audrey Spencer

Audrey is working with Jack Collinson a banner strategy.

The team is still looking at the ACS database. There are 2 modules being considered:

Basic Church Database

City- this database would allow collaboration with other churches.

First year costs would be \$10,000. \$5000 of this is an up front cost. Given the impact to the budget this may be delayed until next year and the best opportunity for appropriate dialogue is still being considered.

11. Purpose Team- Audrey Spencer

Only 4 members were in attendance. The calendar was reviewed.

Blessing of the animals will be October 3, 2015.

12. Evangelism and Discipleship Task Group—Charlie Baskin

Love where you live the art of neighboring will be the basis for a 3 week sermon series

13. Other issues-Charlie Baskin

It is time for the creation a new church directory. LifeTouch will be on campus taking pictures Oct 20, 21,22.

There are still converstions ongoing with NWAYBA to see if there is a way to support youth basketball without disrupting other programs.

14. Closing prayer by Audrey Spencer. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

(The next Board Meeting is scheduled for September 15 at 7 PM.)