

**NORTHWEST HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2014**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor Charlie Baskin; Associate Pastor Audrey Spencer; Neill Gruver, Board Chair; Les Broomall; Jean Leonard; Ken Moyer; Richard Wilkison; Gary Johnson; Daniel Dietz; Carol Wratten; Greg Gitcho; Brad Hoffman; Elliot Moulton

MEMBERS ABSENT: Patti Bizzell; Nancy Gibson; Elizabeth Gunter; Allen Woelke

RECORDING

SECRETARY: Judy Johnson (Non-Member)

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Cain

1. Opening prayer

Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m. Opening prayer given by Audrey Spencer.

2. Approval of July Minutes

Minutes had previously been sent out for review. Daniel Dietz asked for a correction of the guest's name of Ivan Domingus to be changed to Ivan Dominguez to correct the spelling of his last name. Jean Leonard moved approval, as amended. Les Broomall seconded. Presented for vote and Motion passed.

3. Purpose Team Report – Bill Cain

Bill gave an updated ministry review report, in keeping with the Healthy Church Initiative, on the Dan Davidson Civic Forum; Friends of the Arts; the Cub Scouts; Flower Ministry; Altar Guild; Dance Ministry; and upcoming events. Discussion was held.

4. Trustee Issues – Richard Wilkison

* Electrical Utility fees versus budget update – we are running over on electricity and under on our water use, but we are still over budget on the utilities by almost \$3,000 and that will continue to be a problem during this hot weather.

* New Issues – the air conditioning units were repaired for the main sanctuary. We're getting a cost estimate for the air conditioning unit for the Family Life Center. In January we are going to have to have the lawn sprinkling system inspected and we have to be in compliance with city requirements. The bid for the repairs to be able to pass inspection is \$12,143.19. Trees have been trimmed. It was brought up that additional lighting needs to be installed to make the grounds better lit for activities after dark.

* Responsibilities of the Trustees - (Passed until next month's meeting)

5. Finance issues – Les Broomall

*July Financials update and approval. Les Broomall reported on the July financials and recommended approval of July Financial reports. Board approved.

* Report on 2013 Financial Audit – Thanks to Marty Donley, Bobby Callison, and Paul Arismendez for their efforts on our behalf in doing this audit.

* New issues – Nancy Tuck bequeathed \$5,000 to the church. The Finance Committee recommends we consider this a pledge for 2014, and in line with our intention to use additional pledges to pay for apportionment benevolences, they recommended it be used for that purpose. Richard Wilkison requested the monies be used for Trustee issues. It was then suggested the monies be kept in the savings account until a budget need becomes clear later in the year. The Board approved this suggestion. The debt service calculation for Compass Bank was discussed. We are also opening a new checking account due to problems with our old account.

6. SPRC Issues – Jean Leonard

* Director Children’s ministries – a new children’s director, Amanda Ronaldez, was hired in August.

* Search for Eli’s replacement – a hiring committee has been formed and five responses have been received for this position so far.

* New Issues – (None)

7. UMM update – Ken Moyer

We will be participating in the carnival with our usual hot dog booth. We continue to meet on Wednesday mornings for the men’s prayer breakfast. October 24 we will be hosting a gospel concert, Greater Vision. September 21 is the annual men’s steak dinner and Matt Mitchell will be the speaker.

8. UMW update – Nancy Gibson

No Report. (Ken Moyer, however, reported that an issue with the cabinet in the kitchen devoted to the UM Women has been resolved.)

9. Youth update – Elliot Moulton

A luncheon was held on August 17 and at least \$1,200 was raised. The after-school program will be starting again on September 10. A Hawaiian Falls trip is set for September 14 for the youth.

10. Communications Team update – Rev. Audrey Spencer

We are creating a banner to inform the public of our new Director of Children’s Ministries, that says something along the lines of “come and meet our children and families minister”. The banner for the carnival is going up this week. Postcards for the carnival/blessing of the animals are in production. The event activities form is finished and will be available on line and at the front desk for booking of church events. Fran Lehmann has been working on Stephen Ministry videos. The first prototype of a new Web site has been completed.

11. 5th Sunday, August 31st plan – Neill Gruver

We will have 23 or 24 ministries represented at the ministry fair.

12. Healthy Church Initiative update – Rev. Charlie Baskin

Charlie shared a double-sided page of a healthy church initiative update; an opportunities to serve form, a discipleship path form, and a ministry guide which will be put out at the ministry fair and will also be available at the welcome desk in the narthex.

13. Looking Ahead

A. Mission Focus for Advent – Rev. Charlie Baskin

We need a proactive appeal to complete our apportionments for this year, so during advent, we would ask that our annual special Christmas offering go to the apportionment benevolences. A sample video was viewed.

B. Stewardship Project for 2015 – Greg Gitcho

Greg is looking at a book for the stewardship project called Committed to Christ - Six Steps to a Generous Life. A report will be given next month on the Stewardship Project.

14. Other Issues?

Ken Moyer asked if there is anything our church needs to be doing to transition into the Rio Texas Conference. Discussion held.

15. Closing prayer

Closing prayer was led by Rev. Charlie Baskin. The meeting was thereafter adjourned at 8:16 p.m. The next meeting is set for September 16, 2014 at 6:45 p.m.