

NFUMC Governing Board - Meeting Minutes

Meeting date: 2-13-2024

Minutes recorded by: Russ Sprunger

Time meeting began: 6:30 pm

Opening prayer by: Russ

Board Member Attendees: Casey Banks, Brenda Longton, Pat Runyon, Katie Severeid, Lori Allen, Meg Lewis-Price, Kathy Daviess, John Buehler, Dave Paul, Russ Sprunger

Board Members Absent: none

Spiritual Formation Topic: Pastor Casey showed a video about preparing for Lent. It addressed 3 areas: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving.

Leadership Development Topic: Words to Avoid at Church

Led by: John Buehler

V: visitor ⇒ guest

A,C: attending church ⇒ belonging

F: family ⇒ faith community, gathering

C: collection ⇒ offering

J: join us for ⇒ join in

Engagement/Vital Signs/Review of New People

New in January: 1 (Liam Lucero)

Returning: 1 Karen Wamsley; 2 youth: Blake, Luke

Interested in new member class: 3

Goal Review & Accountability

1. Vision Statement: We will address Congregational Visioning in our Town Hall #2 on June 9, after worship, including lunch, lasting until 1 or 2 pm.
2. Hospitality:
 - a. the choir & music groups will do coffee hosting once a quarter;
 - b. Casey will address ADA issues with the Facility team (wheelchair use of women's bathroom)
3. Laity empowerment: Janelle Bolt attended a training for Bell leaders.

Leadership Opportunities:

Casey normally attends the NW Leadership Institute, May 1-2 @ Boise First UMC. She will be on leave at that time and cannot attend this year. GB members and other laity are encouraged to attend.

- Cost: \$159 in-person; \$99 online;
- Register at <http://nli.cathedraloftherockies.org/>

Consent Calendar: All items Approved

Items on Consent Calendar	Mark if Item was Removed from Consent
1. Approval of January Meeting Minutes	
2. Approval of Finance Reports	
3. Action request: Endowment fund management	
4. Approval of Casey's Spiritual Formation grant application	

Items Removed from Consent Calendar, Discussion, & Action

- None

Discussion Item #1: Update on Employee Handbook - Meg.

1. They have a draft (18 pgs so far) based on
 - a. Oak Grove church doc (22 pgs)
 - b. Previous SPRC guidelines
2. Meg, Kathy, & Syd are reviewing
3. They are developing questions to bring to GB to address

Discussion Item #1b: revise 2nd Paragraph of Endowment (not on Agenda)

- Revise the Endowment procedures to reflect how we're operating, with Russ & Dave as "Reps" reporting to GB, not a committee reporting to the Trustees. This was approved in the Action Request on the consent list.

Discussion Item #2: Dundee Update - Dave.

- Cannot use a 3-way joint acct for managing expenses
- Met with Dundee planning; still working on green space & parking config
- Still working on legal doc to define what we're planning to do; They found an attorney in Ptlid that has similar experience with the Ptlid H4H. If the process requires GB approval, the Dundee Commons Team will bring that to the GB at a later time.

Discussion Item #3: Solar Panel Discussion - Russ & Dave.

Due to increased costs, we are stepping back from the CollectiveSun/Sunbridge project. The project would require re-roofing approximately 4000 sq ft of the tile roof. We have received bids for re-roofing the portion of the roof that would support the solar panels. Those costs have substantially changed the economics of our project. As such, we're taking a "pause" to explore a variety of options.

To date, the project has primarily been looking at providing solar just for the “small” amount of our heating & lighting costs that are electrical. It provides no battery storage. If we look long term, we should explore the replacement cost for our natural gas furnaces (10 of them) and the cost for providing solar to support that solution. Additionally, we should consider power storage, and the potential for being a “Resilient Community Partner” to see what is the best direction for our church. This will take some time to explore. Russ will notify CS & Sunbridge.

Discussion Item #4: Town Hall on Feb 25 - Chair.

1. Finances: regular number chart and mention development of the narrative budget (Russ)
2. Solar project update (Russ or Dave)
3. Save the date for Town Hall 2 - visioning (Casey)
4. Food and room prep for the meeting (Pat)

Discussion Item #5: Fall GB Retreat - Pastor Casey

Two firm options that within our budget:

1. Camp Tadmor: Oct 11/12 or Oct 18/19; yurts and bunk beds
2. Alton Collins: mid week, private rooms sep 10/11 or Oct 14/15

The group decided on Alton Collins on Oct 14 & 15. Casey will instruct Laveda to reserve the space.

Discussion item #6: Family care person

AJ needs to resign. We need to hire a replacement. The GB voted to have Elizabeth Lee and Mary Freeman proceed with placing ads and hiring, as was done to hire AJ. Ads were placed on Indeed & FaceBook & GFU media

Communication

- Casey tell Laveda to confirm Alton Collins on Oct 14 & 15
- Russ contact CS/SB regarding pause in Solar project
- Casey to ask Elizabeth Lee & Mary F to hire child care; EL to post ads for cc

Closing Prayer by: Kathy

Time Meeting Ended: 9:30 pm

Next Meeting: March 19, 2024 at 6:30 pm