

Minutes, July 19, 2016 LB Meeting
New Town United Methodist Church

Present:

Board:

Carl Timmer, Chair

Cameron Boone, Secretary

Rick Machamer, Treasurer

Dee Scott

John Lohr

Mark Matney

Pam Klepec

Peg Williams

Christine Hernandez

MLT:

Pastor Mike Derflinger

ED Jeff Koob

Devotional read by Christine after meeting is called to order at 7pm following a time of prayer in the sanctuary.

Board unanimously approves May and June minutes.

The ED and Treasurer's report:

Combined church and preschool revenue was approx. 2000.00 deficit. Jeff explains some of the different methods by which money is accounted for in the preschool budget. There was a mistake with the counters putting a rent check in the regular offering instead of the proper earmark that was on the check. John makes the point that perhaps we need to start auditing this counting more. From the time it hits the plate to the time it hits the bank account, we need to make certain that there are not bigger discrepancies going on. Peg is a counter and makes sure we are aware that all of the counters are new on the job, and are still learning. Jeff says the buck stops with him regardless. Jeff breaks down a scenario sheet (see church office for handout) that unfolds several scenarios about paying the bills and apportionments.

Pastor's Report – See handout

Motion that nominations team can develop a long range planning team. Pam notes that there are parameters for this, limits on mission scope, etc.

Also discussion on how to implement some of the items in Mike's report regarding finance team development. Motion passes.

It's agreed Mike has the leeway in the budget that is earmarked for his continuing education to attend a church conference.

Chair asks nominations sub-committee to come up with names to serve on a permanent finance team.

We just need to keep up with what needs to be done from a volunteer team. Deposits need to be made, payroll met, and bills paid.

Carl motions to set this finance group up. Pam notes that this needs to happen ASAP. Team needs a chair not on leadership board. Finance subteam of LB will be on board. Motion is seconded, approved.

SPR will take over H.R. duties. Mike will be doing performance reviews.

There were a lot of youth on the youth leader search committee. We need varying ages of youth on the team, but the list of the first committee was way too heavy on youth and not enough adults.

Conclusion.

Mark Matney gives a summary of what the MLT has been working towards for summer outreach. NTUMC will be showing outdoor movies once a month this summer, with free popcorn and water. After Jeff and Gretchen made contact with Mr. Casey, supreme overlord of the Newtown commercial development, he asked us to show our first movie in Newtown itself, rather than at NTUMC. He said that there is a no solicitation policy, but we pretty much have carte blanche to operate in Newtown. Newtown is having a series of summer events, and the church's goal is to become enmeshed with these events, and to have a constant presence. We will have a team run in the Glow Run, and are discussing how to be present in each of the events this summer.

Pastor's Report: We are waiting to see the impact of General Conference. At last year's annual conference, VA voted to remove the incompatibility clause from the B.o.D. VA conference is getting a new bishop, and we should have a good feel for him by July. The superintendent of our district knows our heart and our stances re: social issues. Mike is going to the New Room Conference meeting in September. The goal of the New Room Conference is not to create a new denomination, but to provide an alternative resource for likeminded churches. It has a very Asbury-ish feel to it. It is inter-denominational. NTUMC would feel very comfortable at New Room. We may want to send a team of folks this year. This is not a sign that NTUMC is leaving or even thinking of leaving the VA annual conference.

Mike runs through several statistics about NTUMC and its place in the VA annual conference. There are approximately 200 appointments in the conference. NTUMC is 10th out of 137 medium sized churches. Out of the top 200 churches overall, we rank 54th in size but only 134th in salary. We have one of the highest ratios of members to attendants. We have an outstanding youth group and one of the most sought after preschools in town. We have one worship style. Date of charge conference has not been given yet. Mike says he confirmed with the D.S. that he cannot get a raise because we did not pay our full apportionments. As of May 13th, we have only 48% of our members that are regular attendants. Since the April letter and meeting, Mike feels good about the efforts and that the congregation received it all well, and appreciate the transparency. People just want to hear about and see more growth. Nobody on the inactive roll reached out because of the letter.