

August 16, 2016 LB Minutes for Newtown UMC

Love God, Love Others, Share Christ with the World

Attendance:

Carl Timmer – Chair

Pam Klepec

John Lohr

Dee Scott

Rick Machamer

Cameron Boone

Peg Williams

Devotional from Peg Williams

Financial Presentation from Stephen Clark

Steve is a representative of VA UMC Development Company, owned by the VA UMC Conference Capital Projects. At a meeting 3 months ago, LB authorized Steve to do a feasibility study regarding both a refinancing of our mortgage and a capital campaign. For a copy of the study, please see the church office. It is a thought provoking and concise report that outlines different giving and attendance goals for the congregation, as well the methodology by which this organization executes a successful capital campaign.

ED Report from Jeff Koob

We may be able to pay the mortgage from the building fund through October. The new figure for our mortgage balance includes two gifts of 50k from an anonymous donor. Chris Cianelli will henceforth be the primary bookkeeper for NTUMC. She will replace Millie, and is doing this pro bono. Pam K. requests the finance team do a basic financial audit. It is not uncommon for churches to partner with each other in this; we will audit their books and they will audit ours, independent of one another. Jeff requests we keep his email account active for 30 – 60 days after leaving. He will still be attending NTUMC and will serve on the finance team.

Apportionment Payments

Mike requests we pay 5000.00 to the conference now as an act of goodwill. Jeff says we have had some low weeks, and that while giving and attendance were very low, they were typical for August. There is a roundtable discussion in which the wording of LB's decision from earlier this year comes into question. The board discusses whether paying the apportionments is a financial issue to debate or a philosophical issue to debate. It is determined that there is cash to make the payment, yet all expenditure decisions are going to be examined under a microscope in our current financial climate. The decision is tabled until September, when a decision shall be made.

Wesleyan Covenant Conference

We have already voted to send Mike to the conference, and at this meeting we voted to send Carl as well. This is going to be a very importance conference for the future of the denomination and our congregation.

Pastor's Report

See Handout, most important decision is that the board votes 7-0 in favor of terminating the agreement with City Life church, fully supporting Mike's vision regarding this.

Board Unanimously Approves July Minutes

Prayer Room Security

The code will be changed because so many people have it, and homeless people have been coming in and surprising people who go there to pray.

Meeting adjourns

Pastor's report

August 16, 2016

I'm B-a-a-a-c-k! Today is my first day back from an enjoyable family vacation. I met with Jeff Koob, Marie Allen, Steve Weber, and Donna Grannan. I meet with Gretchen Tisone tomorrow and Stephanie Turner when she returns from taking Bradley to Virginia Tech.

Request of Renewal of Membership Vows Occurred July 31, 2016. This was an LB request from our July meeting. I will do this again.

I will request a special session of Charge Conference to elect trustees, a finance chairperson, and other finance team members soon. The Long Range Strategic Planning Team does not need Charge Conference election. *end of Aug, beg of Sept.*

Worship Guests are Returning, verified by the Connect Card. Though AWA is down in the summer we are seeing guests living in the area returning to worship.

I need to meet with Stacey Coopridier. Before I do, I want to review the conditions of the interim position.

Our Confirmands are not filling out the Church Membership Covenant form. Donna informs me this has always been the case. This form is the primary paper that verifies a person is a member. This came to light recently when one of our young adults who went through confirmation years ago did not know they were a professing member of NTUMC. Donna and I will develop a way to remedy this.

City Life. I shared my thoughts at the July LB meeting on whether to renew our agreement. I have prayed a lot of what I feel are the pros and cons. I met with Pastor Jamie Bell on 8.3.16 for pre-discussion, expressed my hesitation entering a second year. Ultimately, I believe I need Saturdays to help NTUMC get to the next level of vision and ministry. Their official launch date was 9.19.15 and the time of renewal is near. I ask for LB's support in enacting the 90-day clause which is our official way of informing Pastor Bell he needs to begin a search for a new location. I feel it is Christian courtesy to allow City Life to be here on December 31st if they have not found a new location before that time. **LB action:** _____

Sincerely, Pastor Mike