

November 15, 2016 LB Minutes for New Town UMC

Love God, Love Others, Share Christ with the World

Attendance:

Carl Timmer – Chair

Dee Scott, Cameron Boone, Peg Williams, Christine Hernandez, Mark Matney

John Lohr, Pam Klepec, Rick Machamer

Devotional by Cameron Boone

- I. Approval of October minutes – unanimous approval
- II. Staff Christmas Party – Pam suggests we use Governor’s Land again. We also should send a letter to the congregation about Christmas love gifts for the staff. The closer to Christmas, the better the response typically is.
- III. Treasurer’s Report – Ricks asks LB for permission to present budget to congregation. There was only 4884.00 in the offering this week. Need at least 13k per week to operate within the budget. Date of 1/8/17 b/n the services and after the 11am service. LB discusses the church tithe and whether there should be a floor regarding weekly giving for when we can do the church tithe. Rick asks for guidance from board on how to handle when a member asked how the 1000.00 he gave to 3E was spent. They want to know very specific details about how 3E used the funds. We agreed we can’t divulge personal information, and that we should get to the bottom of why someone wants to know those specifics, and try and help them from there. Regarding the Stewardship campaign, everyone asked to lead has refused. We need to get in front of the congregation and make a direct plea for people to get involved. We discuss the parts of membership we agree to when we join NTUMC: prayer, presence, gifts, service, witness.
- IV. Pastor Report – See handout
- V. Tom Hassler is our Lay Delegate, but he then technically will be part of SPR according to Book of Discipline. So we are going to ask Tom not to come to SPR meetings.
- VI. Nominations Report – would Pam, Mark, or Carl be willing to serve another term? Pam says she will pray about it, Mark says no, Carl says he will on a temporary basis (6 months, for example). With this in consideration, nominations will bring more names in December to fill out the board. There is discussion about what to require for an applicant.
- VII. Leadership Structure – lack of funds, no E.D., we need a standing committee for finance work. We need to pray about it first, and we need to involve the LRSPC and what will they even look like when they come off of hiatus. Rick asks where we are with the Refinance plan. We need a finance chair more than L.B. members. We need a plea to the congregation.
- VIII. Gretchen’s Kindergarten Plan – LB discusses plan given at last meeting, including more details on funding the new plan and the feasibility of turning youth room into kindergarten. LB agrees not to go further with this plan at this time.