

Governing Board Members in Attendance:

\*Absent members

Church Leaders	Trustees	Finance Committee	Steering Committee
Joey Croft (Pastor)	Robert Godsey (GB/Chair)	Rod Eddleman (Chair/SPRC)	Kathy Giles (Chair)
Milanda Taylor (Lay Leader)	Keith Hamby	Scott Chandler	Sherry Newton
		Apryl Emmons (Sec)	Lana Bruno

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Joey Croft

1. Review, update & approve meeting minutes from: **2023\_07\_18 NLMC GOV BB Minutes & 2023.08.08 GM text message meeting.**
  - a. GB discussed the meaning of the term: adherents. Milanda understood the definition to be “members plus those who attend New Life regularly.” Robert understood the definition to be “non-members who attend New Life regularly.” GB agreed to the following definitions:
    - i. Adherents: members
    - ii. Affiliated adherents: non-members who attend New Life regularly
  - b. Kathy made a motion to approve the 7/18/23 and 8/8/23 minutes, with the exception noted in 1a above. Lana seconded. Motion passed unopposed.
2. Committee Updates
  - a. Steering Committee – Report by Kathy Giles
    - i. Kathy asked Billy Lewis to take Rod’s place on Trustees. Kathy made a motion to place Billy on the GB as a trustee. Rod seconded. Motion passed unopposed.
    - ii. Average attendance for July: 62
    - iii. When Regina resigned from GB, Steering Committee was asked to get quotes from an accountant for managing our financials. Kathy stated Cynthia Kenrick can do everything except write payroll checks each month. Cynthia gave a quote of \$450/month. Before we hire someone to take over financials, Rod will see how much time he has to put toward it.
    - iv. Elizabeth spent \$368 of outreach for a mother and her two children who had an issue with their rental property. Elizabeth paid for 1 night and 1 week at American Hotel.
  - b. Finance Committee – Report by Rod Eddleman
    - i. Rod reviewed the previous Profit & Loss (P&L) statement based on Carol’s updates. For the period January through July, we are about \$12,000 behind our budget tithing. By next month, Rod will have a better report on how we are doing.
    - ii. Robert printed the P&L for Jan – Aug 15 shows our tithes have been \$62,414.92 which gives a profit of \$54.51 after expenses. The daycare has paid \$11,097.83 in reimbursements for utilities, fees, etc. With tithes plus daycare reimbursements we have a profit of \$11,152.34.
    - iii. Robert has personally spent funds for trustees’ work. He submitted the receipts to the finance committee; finance committee will determine whether he should submit the receipts for reimbursement or as personal giving.
    - iv. Robert Godsey submitted estimates to the Finance Committee for the following:
      1. Dissolving New Life UMC as a corporation
      2. Quickbooks fees. The daycare was previously paying all the quickbooks fees. The church paid the last fee of ~\$500. Robert recommended that the

daycare and church pay the proper percentage based on their number of employees.

3. New security recommendations for church and daycare doors.

- v. There were concerns that designated funds (i.e., funds donated for a specific ministry) and budgeted funds (i.e., funds assigned to a ministry by the GB) are indistinguishable. Rod suggested perhaps we can use sub-accounts to separate the two types of funds.

c. Trustees Committee

i. Propose security changes for the daycare update.

1. New daycare door ordered. Estimate of \$8,585.41 for updated access system for sanctuary and daycare doors was submitted. This estimate includes a maglock door that controls who can come in and what times they can come in. Limits the times a teacher can be in the building. The system tracks their entry. Workers can enter with a phone app, swipe card, or enter code on keypad. Parents will not be given a code but will be granted access to the building by a worker, same as today. Features: walk up to door and will automatically unlock to leave the building. White button to push to get out of the building. GB members asked Robert to get a separate amount for the sanctuary door specifically, since the daycare board agreed to pay for the daycare door only.

ii. Moving forward on trustee work list, tracked by Robert.

iii. Trustees are working to trap the possums, other critters, etc. that have been in the walls and attic.

3. Bylaw/ Church conference September 10th

a. Questions from Church Member on bylaws: GB discussed questions below from church members who reviewed the bylaws. Pastor Joey will talk with these members regarding their questions prior to September 10.

i. Membership recognition does not appear to exist.

ii. Article 3 Section C

1. (e.g.) Were I automatically terminated, how do the members know? There appears to be nothing to stop me from attending service, participating in the lunches, etc. where I would be treated normally.

iii. Article 3 Section D.8

1. Again it appears that only the Board and the Pastor are aware that a person is only an affiliate.

2. I can see a privacy issue with public disclosure of membership, so is there a plan?

b. The GB determined that we will vote on the bylaws only on September 10 by paper ballot. Only members will be given a ballot, similar to the disaffiliation vote. Joey will facilitate the vote. Apryl will assist with counting the votes.

i. Pastor Joey will announce in Sunday services that the bylaws were approved by our legal counsel and members must be present to vote.

ii. Congregation will be notified that the vote will be a yes/no vote; any questions should be addressed to GB members prior to the vote.

4. Open Discussion and/or Outstanding Business.

a. Worship Committee

i. Movie Night – Another date will be selected due to conflicts.

1. CVLI – GB determined not to pay for CVLI.

b. Church Van

- i. In a previous GB meeting, the daycare relinquished the church van back to the church, noting they had already paid the \$665 annual insurance payment.
- ii. The GB agreed to sell the church van to the entity with the highest offer, with sale facilitated by Robert; any monies returned by the insurance company will then be reimbursed to the daycare.

Next GB meeting Tuesday September 19, 2023 @6:30 PM

**Closing Prayer: Rod Eddleman**