

## Governing Board Members in Attendance:

\*Absent members

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

### 1. Opening Prayer: Lana Bruno

### 2. Review, update & approve meeting minutes from: **2023\_08\_15 NLMC GOV BB Minutes.**

- a. Scott made a motion to accept the August minutes as written. Kathy seconded. Motion passed unopposed.

### 3. Committee Updates

#### a. Steering Committee

- i. Sunday Worship Monthly Average Attendance: 66. Lowest Sunday: 62. Highest Sunday (Macie's Baptism): 77
- ii. Helping Hands provided lunch Melissa Segler for her mother's funeral (Billie Ann Segler).

#### b. Finance Committee

- i. Finance Committee gave a written report for January – August.
- ii. We are still having reconciliation and reporting issues with QuickBooks as the tracking of incoming and outgoing categories are not set up to the appropriate level of detail. Keith asked about hiring someone to provide QuickBooks training.
- iii. Kathy received a quote for \$450 for an accountant to do accounting and payroll. The only thing not included were the few checks that are written by the secretary.
- iv. Joey will speak with the accountant for the church that is meeting at the RSVP center in Gunter'sville about providing accounting services for the church and daycare.
- v. Finance Committee will meet separately to develop a plan to address finances, QB issues, etc. and report back to the GB.
- vi. Daycare Finances –
  1. Milanda had questions about split of insurance payments between church and daycare. Milanda recommended that the daycare not pay for insurance on the Youth Center and new building. There was discussion around the fact that the church pays half of other bills, for example the electricity bill although the daycare uses more than half of the electricity.
  2. Milanda had questions about other fees, like New Hope Telephone and the old copier. Apryl will investigate the copier contract.
  3. Finance committee will evaluate daycare expenses, as well. Milanda will ask Carol to give a breakdown of specific expenses.

#### c. Trustees Committee

- i. Keith spoke with Wayne's Pest Control about the rodent issue (i.e., rats, possums). Wayne's will give us a quote for a smart system that detects movement and direction of pests.

- i. GB does not have up-to-date information to determine if there is money currently in the budget for additional repairs. The GB stated only repairs that are donated and performed by a volunteer should be completed at this time.
  - ii. Daycare door was replaced; total cost spent so far was \$720.64. There are still a few things that need to be completed on the door area. The daycare is paying for the daycare door.
  - iii. Robert G provided the GB with the following cost to the church to make sanctuary door security changes:
    1. One time cost of \$4,605.92. Monthly Brivo Access Standard Edition \$16.83. Maintenance/Access Control (15 months) \$694.17.
    2. Apryl made a motion to disapprove the sanctuary door security changes. Kathy seconded. Motion passed unopposed.
  - iv. Issue at the Youth Center: the ceiling collapsed due to water leakage of air conditioning drainage pipe. The pipe was patched, and the mess was cleaned up. The ceiling and floor still need to be repaired. Robert recommends that the pipes for the air-conditioning drain be redone due to the brittleness of the pipe at the repair location.
4. **Discussion** about a youth director for New Life MC.
  - a. Joey has been praying about areas within the church where growth can occur, and a youth program is once place where we can grow. The youth leader will need to be a volunteer initially. A youth leader is not necessarily a need for the church right now, but we do have Starla, Sarah and Charlie who are older elementary students that will be moving up within a year or so. Joey would like the GB to pray about how and when to start planning for a youth group. Lana recommended we start next summer when students are promoted.
5. **National Center for Life and Liberty (NCLL)**
  - a. Membership for NCLL is set to expire 60 days from Sept 5.
    - i. Robert G recommended a check for \$1,000 be sent to NCLL to renew NLMC membership.
    - ii. Kathy made a motion that we pay the \$1000 to renew our membership. Scott seconded. Motion passed unopposed.
  - b. NCLL sent additional paperwork for dissolving NLUMC. All paperwork has been completed and signed. The additional form, Articles of Dissolution and Notice of Intent, had a cost of \$104. Robert G requested approval for paying the \$104 filing fee.
    - i. Keith made a motion that we pay the \$104 for the additional form. Apryl seconded. Motion passed unopposed.
6. On September 10<sup>th</sup> New Life Methodist Church Bylaws were approved with 34 yes votes (3 no votes and 1 non-vote). The bylaws have been updated on the web:  
<https://newlifemethodistchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Bylaws-NLMC-upd-9.10.23.pdf>
  - a. Robert G placed the original bylaws in church safe at the bank.
7. We currently use Bluehost web hosting for our church website. Bluehost has increased the cost of limited storage to \$6/month. In the current plan, items are removed after three years.
  - a. Between now and October 13<sup>th</sup>, we can upgrade to a 3-year Pro Hosting plan for only \$6 more per month. In addition to unlimited storage, we will get these features:
    - i. Unlimited SSD Website Storage

- ii. Premium SSL Certificate
  - iii. Optimized Server Performance – Faster Page Load Speed
  - iv. Highest level of Concurrent Connections
  - v. Daily Website Backups
  - vi. Domain Privacy
- b. Robert G recommend moving forward with the plan since we've been storing documents for the governing board on the web page. If not, we need another solution to keep up with electronic file storage and another way to share files. Request approval.
- c. Scott made a motion to approve the \$6 /month. Kathy seconded. Motion passed unopposed.
- d. GB recommended having a storage drive, or equivalent option, to archive documents over 3 years old. GB questioned if QuickBooks was being backed up. If not, it could also be backed up to a storage drive.
- 8. Open Discussion.**
- a. Keith asked if a clean-up day is needed prior to Trunk or Treat. Apryl stated that a clean-up day is typically planned by the trustees sometime in the fall prior to Trunk or Treat.
  - b. Apryl recommended rescheduling the planned movie day to a date in November as a parent's day out for Christmas shopping, etc.

**Next GB Meeting** Tuesday October 17, 2023 @6:30 PM

**Closing Prayer:** Joey Croft