

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
	Billy Lewis	Apryl Emmons (Sec)	Lana Bruno

Others in attendance: Elizabeth Waldrop

GB Business Meeting Agenda

1. **Opening Prayer:** Robert Godsey
2. **Review, update & approve meeting minutes from: 2023_09_19 NLMC GOV BB Minutes.**
 - a. Apryl made a motion to approve last month’s minutes. Scott approved. Motion passed unopposed.
3. **Committee Updates from:**
 - a. **Steering Committee**
 - i. Elizabeth Waldrop: Outreach Committee spending for September included two different payments for electricity bills:
 1. On September 22, Elizabeth saw that an acquaintance on FB asked for electric bill assistance for a single mother with children. Elizabeth paid what the mother owed from the previous month and the current month, \$546.49, to get the balance to zero.
 2. On September 29th Robert got a call from someone needing help with their power bill for \$175.87.
 3. Those two power bills come to a total of \$722.36, for which we need to reimburse Elizabeth.
 4. Elizabeth stated that puts outreach at about \$1700 for the year. The budget was around \$3000 for the year.
 5. Elizabeth shared she always sends a card to those that we have helped with bills, inviting them to church.
 - ii. Elizabeth and Kathy have been working together on a new outreach idea for 2024. She brought a flyer to share with the GB. *Eat, Greet and Meet* is a way to get people who are new to the Grant community together for fellowship and a monthly lunch at Cazadores. They would like to hold the meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 11am. New Life would sponsor an attendees lunch the first time they attend and invite them to church. If they return subsequent months, then they would pay for their own lunch.
 1. Scott recommended telling the city council about it; perhaps some of them would attend and welcome new residents.
 2. Robert recommended Elizabeth increase the Outreach Budget for 2024 to include this outreach event.
 - iii. Robert asked that we consider posting a banner inviting others to come to our Wed Night Meal. This banner would be like our previous VBS banners, staked in

a V-shape so both sides of traffic can read it. Robert stated he could design and order the banner if Outreach decided to move forward with it. The banner would not include dates so that it could be reused.

- iv. Average attendance for Sept Sunday Worship: 68 (Increased due to VBS Finale)
 - 1. VBS Finale Sunday had 89.
 - 2. Reminder VBS Sunday had 101 (only time higher).
 - 3. Events planned by Lana for the children consistently bring in visitors and increased numbers. Lana is AWESOME!
- v. We are having lots of visitors in worship, and they are coming back week after week. Kathy requests that the GB introduce themselves to the visitors on Sunday mornings. Kathy will help identify the visitors to GB members, if needed.
- vi. Lana said that Kathy has a list of families who visited previously that we need to follow up on.
- vii. Sydney Emmons, with Lana's help, is working on our tree for the Grant Tinsel Trail. The theme is gingerbread churches. Lana will contact Grant Town Hall to register. Sydney is making plans to work on the decorations after church some of the Sundays between now and the Tinsel Trail deadline.

b. Finance Committee

- i. Scott shared a report provided by Rod. Bank balance change in last 9 months was +\$3,522.15. Good news: we are not losing money. Bad news: we would like more money to spend on ministries and upkeep of the church.
- ii. Scott recommended all committees turn in budget requests for 2024 budget.
- iii. Robert requested amount of funds available to Trustees so they can decide if House on the Corner repairs can be completed.
- iv. The Finance Committee will meet to determine the actual balance of each budget category, including designated funds, and how this amount compares to the 2023 budget so each committee will know if they have what was budgeted, or not.
- v. Apryl stated the finance committee researched accounting software to compare to QuickBooks.
 - 1. Only one offers payroll. It is over \$1000 a year and includes payroll fees for every check written.
 - 2. Apollos was \$2200 a month; it uses Gusto for payroll with additional fees.
 - 3. Church Management Solution is \$350 a year but does not offer accounts payable or receivables. It is more for record keeping and not accounting.
 - 4. Quickbooks cost \$1100 a year plus \$6 per employee per month. Quickbooks is the cheapest option. We are taking advantage of the desktop version; the cloud version would cost more. Using the desktop version allows the church and daycare to split the \$1100 yearly fee (i.e., payroll fee of ~\$550 plus software fee charged in March of ~\$550). In addition to the \$1100 yearly fee, there is a monthly fee based on number of employee checks written that month. The church and daycare each pay the correct percentage of this fee based on their number of employees.

c. Trustees Committee

- i. Robert asked: How does the trustee know what is considered donated funds and what does the trustee have in the way of funding that can be used for 2023? We have very few volunteers willing or able to do the work that is required.
 - 1. House on the Corner issue: air-conditioning pipe was replaced by Hasting Heating and Cooling for a cost of \$80. They did not charge us, however, for fixing the issue with the air conditioning.
 - a. There is still damage to the floor and ceiling.

- i. Apryl asked for cost of the ceiling and flooring repair. Robert estimated around \$3000. Apryl stated the floor looks like there is mold on the floor. The flooring is just particle board and will most likely need to be replaced.
- ii. If we don't have people who are capable and available to complete repairs, then we will have to pay someone to do it.
- iii. Sherry stated she would ask Danny to come look at it and to see if he can make the repairs.

ii. Robert made updates to the Daycare and Church Office entrance door; only the caulking on the outside of the door remains to be done.

iii. **National Center for Life and Liberty:** Robert paid both the yearly and filing fees. Robert stated he thinks that is all we must do.

iv. **Bluehost web hosting for church website:** After looking closer at the changes and talking with our vendor, Robert stated we did not need to upgrade.

1. Quickbooks is being backed up to Microsoft OneDrive. There is not a backup of the computer; Robert is looking at options.

v. Robert stated there was an issue with the new cameras. He canceled the system and is getting the money back for the cameras from New Hope Telephone Cooperative.

1. Robert is looking into RealLink for cameras. He thinks it will be easy to set up.

vi. Keith is still waiting to hear from Wayne's Pest Control about the cost for SmartPest, an electronic detection of intruders. Keith repaired the siding. Milanda will ask Chellee to sign an inspection report every time they service the church. Apryl stated if they can't do that, we should find someone else. Robert stated that he and Keith will discuss and determine if another Pest Control service is needed.

4. Open Discussion.

- a. Apryl received a message from Cindy Kennamer that states Ethan Ayers is doing pressure washing. He can do the entire church and gutters for \$1000 if we are interested. Robert stated, and all agreed, we do not have the budget to do that this year, although we wish we could.

5. Last Word

- a. Robert wants to step down from Trustees Chairman. He is having his 3rd surgery November 1st on his collar bone with a 6-week recovery. He requests that we find someone else. Keith does not have time to be the Trustees Chairman. Robert recommends finding 2 additional people for Trustees. Robert is willing to continue serving as GB Chair or to step down. He offered to train the new chair on how to post documents to the webpage.

Next GB Meeting Tuesday November 14th, 2023 @6:30 PM (Moved from 3rd Tuesday to 2nd Tuesday due to Thanksgiving Holiday Week)

Closing Prayer: Milanda Taylor

WHO?

- PEOPLE NEW TO GRANT
- PEOPLE WHO WORK FROM HOME
- STAY AT HOME PEOPLE

Where?



WHEN?

- 11AM
- 2ND WED OF THE MONTH
- JAN 10TH
- FEB 14TH
- MARCH 13TH

EAT GREET & MEET

WHY?

- LEARN ABOUT THE TOWN (CHURCHES, EVENTS, SCHOOLS, ETC)
- MEET NEW PEOPLE
- JUST GET OUT OF THE HOUSE AND SOCIALIZE!

FIRST BUNCH ON US!
AN OUTREACH MINISTRY OF NEW



**New Life Methodist Church
Sep 18, 2023 Financial Summary**

- 1 2023 Annual Budget: donations / tithes \$120,000.00
- 2 2023 Annual Budget: NLCA donations projection \$18,000.00
- 3 08/31/2023 FSB Balance \$38,499.76

4 We are reviewing, and amending QB data entries to assure a QB account number is tagged to every transaction. This has required creating and moving various sub-account numbers. When complete we'll be able to create QB reports that status transactions against the defined account and sub-account, along with the resulting remaining budget the GB previously allocated for the account. The finance committee will also at that time recommend a default level of detail for the monthly report to the GB, but can amend to GB desires.

5 QB Tithes/Donations:

Offering + Easy Tithe (ET)

9/10/2023
\$68,118.01

NOTE 1: Investigating potential glitch in QB acct ID that apparently fails to tally [all?/any?] ET donations.

6 Carol completed a manual crosscheck of year to date Plate Offerings plus ET.

	Offering	ET
Jan	13,872.07	1,325.42
Feb	12,351.43	2,203.02
Mar	10,146.18	1,197.82
Apr	7,813.68	1,608.22
May	8,410.03	1,422.82
Jun	10,192.98	11,765.29 1,572.31
Jul	9,232.75	1,222.82
Aug	8,017.19	1,864.72
	80,036.31	22,610.13 12,417.15
		102,646.44 \$92,453.16

The finance comm will double check this math, and ask Lisa for review of designated donations to reconcile how much of the \$102.6 K is actual GF for the \$80K budgeted (8 mos of \$120K).

7 I've also asked Carol to do manual sum of the NCLA donations (not shared expenses/utilities) to reconcile how much of \$102K through Aug might contain some of the 2023 NCLA donation budget projection (#2 above). Will also share this when available.

OBSERVATIONS on 9 mos data for 2024 Budget Consideration					
1	Gross Deposits minus Designated/non-GF:				
	104,058.78	-	32,246.70	=	Net estm'd tithes avail to GF = 71,812.08
2	Discrete 2023 donations avail to 2023 GF: 7,662.00				
	2a.	NLCA Donations	=	1,137.00	
	2b.	Possible add'l NLCA (pyt mislabeled?)	=	1,000.00	
	2c.	Van sale proceeds	=	5,525.00	
3	Designated donations toward capital improvements: 3,000.00				
	3a.	Trustees projects	=	2,000.00	
	3b.	Worship equip	=	1,000.00	
4	Total assessments collected fm NLCA (unique & shared facility mods): = 15,370.11				
	4a. Flat 60% assessmt to NLCA for shared util & services:				
	60 %	X	12,093.65	=	NLCA pyt twds util = 7,256.19
	4b.	Diff should be NLCA share of facility mods, etc			= 8,113.92
	4c. No NLCA Sep assessment reimbursement deposited in Sep.				
5	Bank balance change in 9 mos: 3,522.15				
6	Conservative initial 2024 Budget consideration:				
	Undesignated donation profile of first 9 mos of 2023:				
	71,812.08	/	9	=	7,979.12 x 12 = 95,749.44 ~ \$100,000