

**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)	<del>Kathy Giles (Chair)</del>
Milanda Taylor (Lay Leader) -on phone -	Keith Hamby	Scott Chandler	Sherry Newton
	Billy Lewis	Apryl Emmons (Sec)	<del>Lana Brune</del>

**1. Opening Prayer: Joey Croft**

2. Meeting minutes: 2023\_10\_17-NLMC-Gov-Bd-Minutes. GB reviewed last month’s minutes. Apryl made a motion to approve the minutes. Sherry seconded. Motion passed unopposed.

**3. Committee Updates from:**

**a. Steering Committee**

- i. Kathy Giles sent report via text: Average attendance in October was 55, which is the lowest average attendance in 7 months. Kathy encouraged everyone to invite people to worship, as that is the best way to get people to be involved in church based on statistics.
- ii. Joey re-stated from last meeting that we need to be praying for a volunteer to be youth director. Joey stated it is not something we need to put in place immediately.
- iii. Joey asked if anyone is rolling off the Governing Board. Robert stated the bylaws are written such that after a person has served for 3 years, they should give others an opportunity to serve on the GB.
- iv. Robert stated that in January he would like to roll-off the GB, which leaves a vacancy for GB Chairman and Trustees Chairman. Steering Committee will begin looking for church members to fill these positions.

**b. Finance Committee**

- i. Financials Report: Rod distributed financials report, which included summary of cash flow: Gross deposits, designated funds, NLCA monthly payment, etc. If giving continues at the same rate as the last 2 months, then we should be able to support a \$130,000 budget for next year. Rod plans to work over the holidays on the financials. One thing that needs to be updated is the recording of EasyTithe donations in QuickBooks.
- ii. GB discussed increases in the monthly electric bill and inconsistencies in the garbage bills. Scott will meet with Carol and call the electric co-op to investigate the discrepancies in the bill.
- iii. Scott looked into available QuickBooks reports. The QuickBooks reports that Scott can run at work are not available on the church QuickBooks.
- iv. Robert stated there is an upgrade for 2024 that can be applied to the software and is included in what we pay. Robert volunteered to perform the upgrade.
- v. The daycare has been purchasing all cleaning supplies for both the church and daycare.
- vi. Currently have the following need for Thanksgiving Baskets: 13 from DAR Schools, 4 from Senior Center and 5 from Sherry Newton. Apryl will purchase them on Tuesday and will need \$2000 to pay for these.

- vii. Rod made a motion to spend \$2000 for the Thanksgiving Baskets. Scott seconded. Motion passed unopposed.
- viii. Apryl gave a detailed report about difficulty working with Christmas Coalition last year; she recommended we locate children in our community to help this Christmas. Apryl stated there is a family that fosters children at DAR school. The foster children automatically get gifts from United Way and Christmas Coalition, but the biological children do not get assistance. Apryl stated the thrift store owner gave names of families that need help. Apryl recommended we sponsor 8-10 kids at a minimum of \$200-\$300 each. Apryl needs more volunteers to help shop for the children.
- ix. The GB agreed to locate families to sponsor in our community instead of working through the Christmas Coalition. Designated funds will be requested throughout the holidays; additional money may be needed to complete the purchases. Rod made a motion to authorize up to \$3000 for the Christmas Angels, as needed. Scott seconded. Motion passed unopposed.
- x. Rod created an excel spreadsheet for Lisa to track giving. Lisa uses a Mac, however, which is not compatible with the PC macros that Rod created.

**c. Trustees Committee**

- i. Robert replaced the security cameras; he has one additional camera to install. The church will get a reimbursement for the cameras that were returned.
- ii. The estimate to get the kitchen up to code for fire suppression was \$2602. Billy and Sherry both know someone who could give an estimate, as well. Rod made a motion that we approve spending up to \$2602 and move forward with the lowest estimate. Keith seconded. Motion passed unopposed.
- iii. Robert stated we have made the first payment on our new insurance.
- iv. Robert called Wayne's Pest Control about live spiders in the daycare office and upstairs in the rock house. They did not call him back. Their regularly scheduled visit is on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. Billy recommended Scotty Littrell for pest control if we are looking for a change.

**4. Question was asked what we pay person doing church housekeeping replacing Deloris. Should we be paying more?**

- a. Deloris was getting paid \$14/hour for the daycare work. However, the GB discussed that Deloris not only cleaned, but cared for children as well. The church has been paying Deloris \$9.50/hour for cleaning the church. April Bearden accepted the church custodian job at \$9.50/hour. GB agreed to keep the rate the same, providing one check per month.
- b. Milanda emailed the Church Custodian job description to Rod and Robert. Rod will add "Change filters" to the list of responsibilities.

**5. Open Discussion.**

- a. Robert suggested we recruit a volunteer (Commensality Coordinator) to organize our once-a-month Wednesday night meals. Steering Committee will begin looking for a volunteer.

**Next GB Meeting** Tuesday Dec 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 @6:30 PM

**Closing Prayer:** Rod Eddleman