

## **Minutes of Governing Board Meeting Northwood Alliance Church April 5, 2020**

Members present (via Zoom conference service): Ken Crandall, Sergio Borja, Andy Stampley Carr, Mike Eagle, Richard Freeman, Jim Rutherford, and Brendan Walter. Church Treasurer Patricia Alesse was unable to join the call. Board members Phil Rivas and Bonnie Onyon were absent. Guests were Beth Sanford, representing the deaconesses, and Dave Carr, representing the deacons.

**Opening Prayer:** Ken opened the meeting with prayer, seeking the Lord's continued leadership and guidance for our church through this difficult time of Covid-19.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of March were reviewed.

**MOTION:** Richard moved to accept the minutes as presented, and Mike seconded. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Advisory Report:**

Summary Report for March 2020: Patricia distributed the March summary report.

Beginning balance on March 1	\$4,249.39
Ending balance on March 31	\$2,532.64
Total income for March	\$6,452.72
Total expenses for March	\$8,097.51

The GB asked that Patricia send out by email the percentage information that she had just begun to include in the weekly bulletins, in order to keep our church family informed of our financial status.

Dennis Pust of the Field Office has notified district churches that the Field Leadership Team has decided to give Alliance Northwest churches the voluntary option of up to three months (March-May) of Fairshare reprieve. (Fairshare is a 5% donation each church makes to the District Office.) The Field Office suggests that churches may contribute whatever portion of the 5%, if any, that each is able. By consensus, the GB agreed that as long as Northwood is able, we will continue to give our 5%. We will put this option on hold and continue to review if needed.

### **Ministry Report: (Review all in light of COVID-19)**

Service Plans through April: Ken will continue to upload his sermons through April, send daily briefings, and invite through Zoom for prayer on Wednesdays to keep our church family united, inspired to service, and uplifted.

Request from City of Blaine for facilities to use in case of emergency: After seeking GB consensus regarding this request, Ken responded to the City that our church can be used in this eventuality. The City will assess facility options and will let us know if our church will be needed. Done.

Future Ministry Preparedness Plan: There was brief discussion about the need to start preparing a plan for the recession/depression that is a strong possibility, and how to serve the community during that time period. There will likely be a need for counseling for PTSD, depression, and other resulting difficulties, as well as need for daily food, such as lunches served at the church.

Current Ministry Needs: During the last GB meeting, the elders had been asked to prepare a phone tree to keep church members apprised of information and to ask if anyone has needs. Discussion ensued about the fact that most of our church members with internet access and cell phones do not need this level of care, which would make the project much smaller. It was decided to focus on those who do not have access to the internet or who are alone during this time.

**Upcoming Events (Review all in light of COVID-19):** All currently planned events are on hold until the Coronavirus is no longer a threat and approval from government is given to resume normal activities.

### **Other Concerns for the Board:**

Leak in hallway and nursery floor: Dave Carr reported that the leak is from the shut-off valve. Rather than repairing the 40-year-old fountains, he suggested that the church buy new water fountain coolers.

**MOTION:** Jim moved that the church hire a plumber to replace the water fountains, using funds from the set-aside account, and that church members do the preparatory and finish work on the wall. Andy seconded. Motion passed. Chris can order a dual set found on Amazon for approximately \$750 that would meet our needs.

Carpet replacement and painting upstairs: The deacons had already been authorized to get a bid on carpet installation, which Phil has done. By consensus, the GB authorized the deacons to get a bid on repair and painting the hallway and classroom upstairs. Dave was asked to get a bid.

Church van—keep or sell: This item was not discussed.

Church Building Security: Several community churches have been broken into. The back door was found open recently by Charles. Dave was asked to look at the door.

Request from Glenn for Approval for Sanctuary Improvements:

- Painting upstairs/foyer to start with; maybe move on to sanctuary (while school is out):
  - The GB has authorized having professionals paint the hallway and classroom.
  - Painting and repairing the sanctuary ceiling has been tabled.
  - The GB authorizes Glenn to paint the foyer and sanctuary walls, and to purchase new foyer lights, for about \$500-\$600.
- Westside window repair (two panes have been damaged): The GB decided to start a capital improvements list and to put replacement of all six windows on the list. Jim will develop a perpetual list of capital projects and forecasting when they can be done.
- Projector mount: This has already been approved and can be done.
- Normal seasonal banners: These can be changed for the season.
- Cross on the stage: GB consensus was that the wooden cross, shepherd's crook and stone can be removed.
- Decision on bell: This will be tabled until our church is meeting regularly again. The GB will discuss what to do with it then.

Elect secretary for governing board: This was not addressed.

The GB agreed to meet semi-monthly, at present, to keep up with rapidly changing events. The next meeting will be on Sunday, April 19, at 3:00 PM.

Submitted by: Andy Stampley

*Approved by Governing Board on April 19, 2020.*