

Minutes of Governing Board Meeting Northwood Alliance Church April 19, 2020

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

Opening Prayer: Ken opened the meeting with prayer.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of April 5 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	\$2,732.54
Total income for March	\$6,652.72
Total expenses for March	\$8,097.51

There was discussion about the reduction in giving while not physically meeting. For the year to date, we are pretty much balanced, but this month, experienced a shortfall of about \$1,500. Ken agreed to send out a church-wide email to let members know of the financial situation, to remind all of methods of giving, and to highlight the benevolent fund, which is down to \$104, inasmuch as we have the opportunity to help the Fullers during this difficult season for them.

Credit card adjustment was \$-71.96 for March. Savings account funds in WECU as of March 31 totaled \$28,458.83, with \$14,645.00 in the 5% savings account. The remaining \$13,813.83 in the savings account is held in other designated funds.

MOTION: Jim moved to accept the treasurer's report, and Bonnie seconded. Motion carried.

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

Service Plans through April/May: Ken will continue to upload his sermons through April and May, send daily briefings, and invite through Zoom for prayer on Wednesdays to keep our church family united, inspired to service, and uplifted. Ken feels that this time of isolation gives each of us an opportunity to be purified.

Current Ministry Needs: Jim will work this week on a process for keeping in touch with those without internet service.

Future Ministry Preparedness Plan: for the recession/depression that is a strong possibility:

What are we hearing and seeing? Bonnie reported that restaurants in particular in Blaine are suffering, and that some may ultimately have to close. Food factories in the area are doing alright. Ken suggested that our next meeting on May 3 be dedicated to discussing:

- What we feel God is saying to Northwood
- How we are responding
- What we are moving away from

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.

Big Question: When shall we return to physical gatherings/guidelines/procedure? We will stay within governmental guidelines.

Other Concerns for the Board:

Water Cooler Replacement Project: The bid provided by Gary's Plumbing was determined to be too high and will not be considered. Lynden Plumbing is scheduled to meet at the church on Monday to provide another estimate. If that one is not good, Whatcom Plumbing and Sullivan Plumbing were suggested.

Carpet Replacement and Painting Upstairs: The bid MC Paint & Remodel was discussed.

MOTION: Jim moved, and Bonnie seconded, to accept the bid, and to send the \$300 deposit in so as to get on MC Paint & Remodel's schedule once resuming work is authorized.

Dave suggested that we hire an electrician to handle changing out the ballasts in the light fixtures to accommodate LED tubes, replace the one that needs to be replaced, and to install the bulbs. He was asked to get a bid on this.

Church Van—Keep Or Sell:

MOTION: Bonnie moved, and Jim seconded, that we table this until one month from now. In the interim, we can do research on what costs are involved in keeping it (insurance, maintenance, driver/passenger regulations) and whether or not it would be usable in the future.

Church Building Security: Dave has checked when in the area and all is secure.

Ken's Workload: GB members expressed concern that the different ministry necessitated by Covid-19 may have placed a greater burden on Ken than what was agreed upon. Ken said that it does require more time. He also said that he has paid for Zoom at \$16 per month, and had paid for starting a blog account. He now has decided that the blog is not as effective a ministry tool as is uploading his sermons on Facebook, but he does not know how to close out the blog account. He was asked to keep track of the hours he is working.

Elect secretary for governing board:

MOTION: Bonnie moved, and Richard seconded, that Andy continue to serve as GB secretary. Motion passed.

The next meeting two weeks from now, Sunday, May 3, at 3:00 PM, will be a time to discuss what God is telling us about ministry preparedness for our return to physical meetings.

Submitted by:

Andy Stampley, Secretary

Note:

Water Fountain Plumbing and Installation: On Monday, April 20, Dave met Lynden Plumbing at the church, and they said the plumbing repairs and water cooler installations will take between 4-5 hours. Our cost would be between \$700-800 plus \$100 for a stainless steel backboard. They will convert the two separate pipes to one and mount the lower fountain at ADA-approved height. The higher water cooler also cools the water in the lower one.

Lighting Upstairs: Dave spoke with Able Electric regarding lighting upstairs. They provided a price of \$175/hr. if two men are working, and \$95/hr. if only one is working. They would expect to spend between 4-6 hours, and we would need to pay for one fixture which needs to be replaced, and the LED tubes.

The above matters were emailed to Board members on Monday, April 20, for approval. Approvals were received from Ken, Andy, Mike, Richard, Bonnie, and Jim.

Lynden Plumbing will begin work on Monday, April 27 at 7:30 AM. The lighting will be done when return-to-work is authorized.

Approved by Governing Board on May 17, 2020.