

## **Minutes of Governing Board Meeting Northwood Alliance Church June 14, 2020**

Board Members Present: Ken Crandall, Andy Carr, Bonnie Onyon, Jim Rutherford  
Board Members Absent: Sergio Borja, Mike Eagle, Richard Freeman, Phil Rivas, Brendan Walter  
Church Treasurer Present: Patricia Alesse  
Guests: Beth Sanborn, deaconess; and Dave Carr, deacon; Glenn Tuski, church member

**Opening Prayer:** Ken opened the meeting with prayer.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of May 31 were reviewed.

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

### **Treasurer's Financial Report:**

Beginning balance on May 1	\$4,670.60
Ending balance on May 31	\$7,598.83
Total income for May	\$11,109.92
Total expenses for May	\$8,200.16

Credit card adjustment was \$18.47 for May.

Savings account funds in WECU for May totaled \$30,933.83, with \$16,914.25 in the 5% savings account. The remaining \$14,019.58 in the savings account is held in other designated funds.

Citi Card (Costco):

Pat will write a letter to request the change from Charles as the primary cardholder to Chris Olason. (Ken spoke with Chris later, and they feel the best time to make the change is when the card is up for renewal.)

Financial Gifts:

**MOTION:** Bonnie moved, and Jim seconded, to distribute funds raised for Charles and Ken. Carried.

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

Service Plans through June/July: Blaine CTK has requested the use of our church grounds for their church service, as their grounds are not large enough, and they cannot comply with the Stage 2 reopening requirements within their building. The GB agreed to honor their request. Their service would begin at 11:00 AM. Our service would need to begin at 9:30 AM.

Request from Natalie Finkbonner of Child Evangelism Fellowship: CEF plans to hold outdoor 5-Day Clubs/VBS between July 6 and August 14, and asked if Northwood would like to again host one. The GB agreed; we recommend August, as the church is still having work done inside. Brendan will be asked to convey the response to Natalie.

Current Ministry Needs: Glenn asked to speak about the issues being caused by Facebook postings by church members which are causing other church members to question whether or not they will return to Northwood. There was much discussion about the difficulties created by Facebook, church members' political persuasions, and the fact that viewers associate what they see with the position of the church leaders. Ken has been in conversation with the Alliance Field Office about the matter. He stressed that it is important that elders and leaders in the church consider refraining from using Facebook for matters other than strictly social. He will be addressing this, along with other issues, in two weeks, when he presents an assessment of the status of Northwood. In addition, He has been praying deeply in preparation for his assessment, and also asks that we pray for our church.

Beth asked about the wooden cross that has been moved outside, saying that she feels the decision to remove it from the sanctuary should be a church-wide decision, as many people like it.

Andy and Dave suggested that a sign be put on the church building, stating that the church needs a sign and a cross on the outside. The sign was added to the Capital Improvements list.

Transition Committee: The committee will move forward to proceed with the process of selecting a pastor.

Next Congregational Meeting: We discussed having this during the church hour on July 5, three weeks from today. It will be part of the service. Ken will prepare a letter to mail to congregants to notify them of this.

**Other Concerns for the Board:**

Carpeting Upstairs: The installation of carpeting in the main upstairs room and the two stairwells is scheduled for June 24-25.

Visibility of the church and grounds clean-up: This was accomplished by many helping hands this week.

Sanctuary Lighting: This has been done, including dimmer switches.

Capital Improvements:

- Sign on building: We will prepare a survey of church members to allow for a majority to select the wording on the sign. Several options were discussed. Andy will put the survey together.
- Accordion doors for storage closet in Room 2: This is the only item on the HomeConnection list that has been put on hold until funds are replaced.
- Replacement windows in the sanctuary
- Adding light switches to the library and room 4 upstairs: The school has been “making do” with the one light switch that controls three rooms. When they show videos in one room, all three rooms have to do without light. Able Electric has said, instead of totally rewiring the three rooms, they can install switches in the two rooms that would allow them to turn their lights off without affecting the other rooms. It would cost about \$300 each, for a total of \$600.
- Adding fans in the sanctuary: The old noisy fans have been removed, but the wiring is still there. Several felt new fans would be welcome.

Jim closed the meeting in prayer.

The next Governing Board meeting date is June 28, to be held immediately after service.

Submitted by:  
Andy Stampley, Secretary

*Approved by Governing Board on June 28, 2020*