

## **NRPC March Session Meeting**

Date:3/13/2023

Session members: Matt Bales, Todd Barlow, Stormy Ingold, Dave Albert, Julie Fotheringham, Eric Judy, Jerry Thompson, Charmane Dail, Krista Wright, Debbie Freer, Danny Heather, Keith Livengood.

Rev. Brandon Melton, Rev. Lisa Hebacker, John Grovenstein

Excused: Jennifer Worth

Absent: n/a

Also in attendance: Jen Judy, Deacon

Called meeting to open: Time: 6:31 PM                      Person: Rev. Lisa Hebacker  
Quorum Declared: Yes

Devotional and opening prayer: Dave ALbert

Agenda adopted: Motioned by Matt Bales, seconded by Dave Albert and approved.

Report from Teaching Elder/Pastor: Rev. Lisa Hebacker

It has been suggested that NRPC take a turn to host a Clergy Clinic which is held by the Presbytery. There are no details at this time for discussion. There is a planned meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> of the session to welcome new members. Details for upcoming invitations to discipleship during the worship service were discussed, and a schedule for the near future was created.

Finance reported an expected charge of \$3102 for headcount to the Presbytery and \$15,762.00 for Unified Mission.

Report from Teaching Elder/Associate Pastor: Rev. Brandon Melton

A report on the desire of the congregation for Sunday School was discussed, especially for the youth at NRPC. It was mentioned that there was a mention in the C.A.T. about people missing Sunday School. This lead to a discussion about the motives and the purpose of Sunday School at Church, and how the

leadership need to provision families to be prepared to carry the lessons learned back home. The Session was reminded that the Sharing God's Story weekly email and The Gathering (formerly called MAX) are still ongoing activities at the Church for families with children. Alternatives like a "parents' night out" were discussed. It was suggested an analytical approach to gauge family's engagement or disengagement because of Sunday School or lack of other activities has effected attendance or participation in Church. It was questioned if the Churches messaging about keeping worship going at home has been effective. It was suggested that it might be effective to target the Middle School age group as anecdotally, that is where interest seems to drop off. It was generally agreed that when the F.M.B. renovation is complete, there will be more expectations for group meetings and Sunday School. Moving back into the FMB may be the watershed that brings back some activities that were paused.

**Omnibus Motion: Motion- Dave Albert    Second- Charmane Dail**

**The vote to approve was unanimous**

#### Reports from committees

Written reports submitted prior to the Meetings of the Session may not be noted in Session minutes if there is no discussion, but they will be included in the Session Meetings Agenda.

Worship report was provided by Stormy Ingold. There are new sign-up lists for communion and ushering

C.E. report was provided by Debbie Freer

Fellowship and Engagement given by Jerry Thompson and Krista Wright

The Deaconate report was given by Jen Judy.

Outreach report was provided by Dave Albert

Stewardship was given by Matt Bales. There was discussion about using VINMO as an alternative for giving and creating an NRPC QR code. The current method of on-line giving produces a transaction fee.

Mission and Vision was provided by Charmane Dail. World Café is Scheduled for the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April. There is a \$630 dollar fund balance for World Café.

Building and Grounds report was provided by Danny Heater. There is a question about a developer seeking an easement to run sewer for a housing development close to the Church property.

A Risk Management and HR written report brought forward questions about the organ physical plant and organist positions. Because Jennifer Worth and Terri Nicotera were excused, this discussion was to be tabled for a future meeting. The Session confirmed that the Church organ is a maintained part of the physical plant of the Church.

Debbie Freer reports that the churchwide nominating committee is receiving nominations

The Technology and Communications report was provided by Todd Barlow

### Special Topics

FMB renovation. Supply chain problems are causing delays or alternative materials to be used. The building will open, and the need for volunteers to move items back into the building are needed. The idea of a soft opening was discussed while we await materials to complete construction.

Meeting Closing: Motion by Charmane Dail, seconded by Jerry Thompson. Time: 7:46 PM

Closing Prayer: Dave Albert