**Call to Order**

**Opening** – The May 9, 2016 board meeting was called to order. Those attending were: Lance Randolph, Dan Mundil, Sarah Pratt, Sarah Schuller, Hannah Jameson, Clinton Halverson Nick Wood, Julie Wood, Betsy Durham, Becky Darnell, Don Darnell, Kate Raun, Peg Johnston, Rick Elkin, Mark Durham and Pastor Travis Stanley. Regional Pastor and President Bill Spangler-Dunning was also in attendance.

**Past Minutes – April 18 Meeting** – Don Darnell moved to approve the April 18, 2016 meeting minutes as amended. Second by Kim Ward. Approved by board.

**Financial Committee Reports / Discussion**

**Treasurer’s Report** – The April, 2016 monthly financial report was presented. This was a good month as we made up some of our deficit. Mark Durham moved to approve the report as presented. Second by Don Darnell. Approved by board. Following are highlights from that report:

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| **April 2016 Treasurer’s Report Summary** | |
| Checking | $2,294.91 |
| Money Market Investment | $16,452.37 |
| Money Market - Memorials | $10,250.81 |
| Money Market - Improvements | $16,037.94 |
| Receipts | $16,861.13 |
| Disbursements | $14,085.11 |

**Stewardship / Finance** – The committee has been studying the book Not Your Parents’ Offering Plate by J. Clif Christopher. This is recommended reading for all on the board. Travis has two copies for those interested in reading. A copy could also be borrowed from a committee member.

**Financial Secretary’s Report** – No report.

**Memorials / Wills & Bequests** – No report.

**Administrative Committee Reports / Discussion**

**Personnel** – Will soon begin looking for replacement for Rachel in the nursery.

**Trustees** – Dan Mundil will be meeting with our custodian, Sherry, to order supplies from Norwalk Hardware. The Trustees are also looking into improving the Wi-Fi / routers in the church.

**Pastoral Relations** – No report

**Ministry Committee Reports / Discussion**

**Pastoral Partners** –No report.

**Worship** – We are still in need of diaconate, and worship leaders. Also need coffee volunteers.

**Christian Education** – Sarah Pratt reported on the rummage sale coming up this week. A donor will match the proceeds up to $1,500. The proceeds will be going to finance repair and maintenance items that are needed for the bus and other needs with the funds left over.

**Evangelism / Membership** – Will be expanding visitor welcoming efforts. This includes holding a welcome dinner for newcomers on July 14 at 6pm.

**Outreach** – Meals of the Heartland volunteer opportunity will be on May 18. June is our month for the Food Pantry.

**Youth** – Written report received. The youth are thankful for the donations for the bus. The bus is important for carrying out this and other ministries.

**Vision Team Update** – No Report.

**Old Business**

**World Café** –

We will be holding a World Café on Sunday, June 12. It will follow a shortened worship service.

Regional Pastor, Bill Spangler-Dunning led our group in a discussion to help us to prepare for the World Café event. His message was based upon Evangelism, Identity, and Mission. He directed a small group challenge to prepare a commercial for our church. Each of the four small groups shared the commercials that they had created.

Pastor Bill also solicited ideas from each group as to how to promote our identity both within the church and outside the church. Ideas from the group discussions included:

* A creed that we could follow: “In Essentials Unity, In Non-Essentials Liberty, In All Things Charity”. (This comes from a German Lutheran theologian of the early seventeenth century, Rupertus Meldenius.)
* Table activities during coffee fellowship.
* Sign up for small groups.
* T-shirts, posters, banners.
* Fourth of July Float
* Sign by church for Fourth of July
* Promote through sermons.
* Business cards with our mission or creed
* Skits during church.
* Arm bands for people accompanying us on service projects
* Earth Friendly Grocery Bags with NCC labeling
* Yard Signs
* Newspaper Articles
* “Chalice spot lights”
* Fire pit in yard to host neighborhood gatherings – Hot dogs.
* Prepare sack lunches for student trips.

**New Business**

None

**Closing Prayer**

Adjourned with prayer.

**Next Meeting**

Monday, June 20 at 6:00pm.