



**NOWTHEN
ALLIANCE
CHURCH**

2021 Annual Report

Annual Meeting
April 21, 2022

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Annual Meeting 2021 Minutes

Thursday, April 15, 2021

Vice-Chairman Scott Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Scripture and Prayer by Pastor Nate: Daniel chapter 1 and Jeremiah 29, message was that there are moments of longing for what used to be, to return to the past, but church won't look like it did 1-1 ½ years ago. We need to seek God now and join Him in the present. Prayer for awareness and obedience of God's plan.

Motion, Seconded and Passed- To adopt the agenda

Motion, Seconded and Passed- The minutes from 2020 Annual Meeting Meeting and Membership List were approved as printed. First name corrections: Dorene Russell and Meagen Sundstrom.

Motion, Seconded and Passed- Appointment of Tellers- Scott Jones, Bruce Powers and Rob Bergfalk (Zoom votes)

Honoring of Leaders: Lois Fredell, Mary Jones, Robin Palmquist and Amanda Wilder.

Election of Elders, Deaconesses and Officers- Nominating Committee Report received and reviewed. Unanimously electing nominations for Elder positions; 3 Years(Jim Bremer and Ben Lorenz), 1 Year to fill vacancy (Ryan Hinson). Assistant Treasurer 3 Years(Stan Selander). Deaconesses 2 year term (Donna Bremer, Cindy Goodrich, Julie Hall and Liz Lorenz), 1 year vacancy (Jeannie Murdock and Becky Wilson). Motion, seconded and passed.

Motion, Seconded and Passed- The Nominating Committee nominees for 2021 are Becky Hunter and Todd Kirkpatrick.

Motion, Seconded and Passed-The following reports were received: Annual Pastoral Report, Associate Pastoral Report, Student Ministries, Worship Ministries, Children's Ministries, Audit Summary, Deaconess Report, Alliance Women Day Group Report and Alliance Women Sunday Group Report

Review of 2020- Highlights: 9 people gave their life to Christ, 9 baptisms, 1 Mission trip to Taiwan and a Board/Staff retreat to formulate a 5 year plan.

Pastor Nate discussed the 2020 financial reports and budget, strong giving by the church with decreased overall spending. He also spoke of the 2021 budget being reduced, on the church's construction progress and for his vision and hopes for our church in the upcoming year.

Commitments from Pastor Nate:

1. To celebrate and prioritize Jesus
2. To follow the leading of the Holy Spirit
3. To stay under God's authority as communicated through scripture
4. To take good care of his own soul
5. To strengthen and extend our impact for the Kingdom
6. His own personal growth
7. To see God's name glorified and His Kingdom grow

Motion, Seconded and passed- To adjourn the 2021 Annual Meeting at 8:25pm

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Sundstrom, Secretary

Nowthen Alliance Church

Active Membership

122 Members as of March 9, 2022

Bagwell, Brian	Goodrich, Wayne	Lemon, Chaz	Powers, Bruce
Bagwell, Tanya	Greenberg, Betty	Lemon, Taylor	Powers, Laura
Berg, James	Greenberg, Ruby	Lorenz, Ben	Pringle, Alissa
Berg, Jan	Greenberg, Tom	Lorenz, Liz	Pringle, Brent
Blake, Dennis	Haag, Dianne	Manske, Carol	Russell, Dorene
Blake, Lynda	Haag, Russ	Manske, George	Russell, Maurice
Boesiger, Bette	Hall, Dennis	Moore, Linda	Schulz, Jerri
Brand, Rick	Hall, Julie	Moore, Robert	Selander, Gladys
Brand, Susan	Hannah, Donna	Morgan, Cherie	Selander, Stan
Bremer, Donna	Hanson, Brooke	Morgan, Matt	Snively, Kathy
Bremer, Jim	Hanson, Joshua	Morrell, Brenda	Snively, Rob
Brown, Bruce	Hinson, Ryan	Morrell, Trent	Snead, Grace
Brown, Elizabeth	Hinson, Sharon	Morrison, Patricia	Snead, Lee
Burquest, Aaron	Hollinger, Mike	Morse, Cliff	Stenzel, Debbie
Burquest, Leah	Hollinger, Natalie	Morse, Wilma	Stenzel, Paul
Cervin, Craig	Hunter, Becky	Mucha, Jana	Stoesz, Peggy
Coons, Dennis	Hunter, Nathan	Mucha, Jon	Sundstrom, Eric
Coons, Ruthie	Ingalls, Karen	Murdock, Jeannie	Sundstrom, Meagan
Danielson, Roger	Janiga, Dave	Murdock, Kent	Thompson, Nancy
Edgar, Eric	Janiga, Kara	Nordhausen, Jan	Tong, Jan
Edgar, Sarah	Johnson, Debra	Nydam, Don	Vovk, Abigail
Edlund, Shirley	Johnson, Keith	Nydam, Sharilyn	Vovk, Noah
Fischer, Sheryl	Jones, Mary	Ohman, Karen	Watson, Donald
Frame, Cheri	Jones, Scott	Olson, Barbara	Watson, Maude-Ruth
Frame, Tim	Keeney, Paul	Olson, Cliff	Wilder, Ryan
Fredell, Lois	Keeney, Virginia	Palmquist, Gary	Wilder, Amanda
Fredell, Scott	Kemper, Jennifer	Palmquist, Robyn	Wilhelmi, JoLeen
Freshour, Lee	Kemper, Nathan	Petersen, Jan	Wilson, Becky
Gerdes, Sharon	Kern, Linda	Petersen, Randy	Wilson, Harry
Gerdes, Terrance	Kirkpatrick, Todd	Petro, Donella	
Goodrich, Cindy	Kirkpatrick, Nicole	Petro, Terry	

Nominating Committee Report

**(Cindy Goodrich, Becky Hunter, Nate Kemper, Todd Kirkpatrick, Liz Lorenz)
2022 ANNUAL MEETING (April 21, 2021)
NOWTHEN ALLIANCE CHURCH**

ELDERS:

Nominees election until 2025:

**Ryan Hinson
Terry Petro**

Continuing until 2024:

Jim Bremer
Ben Lorenz

Continuing until 2023:

Scott Jones

Nominee for election to fill vacancy:

Nathan Hunter

OFFICERS:

Stan Selander (Continuing until 2024)

Dave Janiga (Continuing until 2023)

Terry Petro (nominated for term until 2025)

Assistant Treasurer

Treasurer

Secretary

DEACONESSES:

Nominees (Two Year Term):

**Sheryl Fischer
Jenny Kemper
Dorene Russell
Becky Wilson**

Continuing (Until 2023):

Donna Bremer
Cindy Goodrich
Julie Hall
Liz Lorenz

PLEASE NOTE: The names of nominees are in **BOLD BLACK LETTERS**.

BYLAW:

“After the slate has been posted, members of the congregation may nominate for any position by submitting the nomination in writing signed by at least two active members to the Nominating Committee at least five calendar days prior to an annual meeting. These names shall be added to the posted list.”

Lead Pastor Report

Pastor Nate Kemper

2021 might be defined most easily for ministry and church life as a time of transition. We saw that happen on our staff as Pastor Rob transitioned to Lead Pastor of Compassion Church, Cherie Morgan transitioned into a clearer role to serve her family and Cindy Jacob transitioned to be near family in Iowa. That meant significant transition in our staff.

The Covid pandemic in 2020 extended its changes into 2021 as well. We were able to transition ministries back into many of the schedules and locations we were accustomed to but saw many using this as an opportunity to evaluate how they would engage with us. New connections have been forming and other faces have been missed.

Our building has gone through quite a bit of transition. There was construction happening for all of 2021 as we saw many of our rooms repaired, updated, or improved. Transition just seemed present everywhere.

While it is easy to see some of the transition, we are also thankful for a God who makes it easy to see that He is clearly still moving in and through us. We saw people express their generosity in 2021 in unprecedented ways. General Offerings were the highest they have ever been and don't account for the other projects generosity covered. We were able to launch Compassion Church as a church plant with both substantial giving from our church collectively as well as many others giving above and beyond to see that work happen. We were able to upgrade technology, HVAC units and roofing with money that came above and beyond for special projects. In a season where the economy has felt hard for many families, we've seen people respond with great generosity here. What a testimony to our good God.

We also continue to see people give their life to Christ and go public with that in baptism. We had adults respond to the call of faith for the first time, kids dedicate themselves to God and saw youth grow in their intimacy with Christ. We also had 7 people that shared their relationship with Christ to us through baptism. What a joy to see God working in individual lives.

Together we spent the year looking at the different rhythms God calls us to. It was the longest I've ever spent in a topical series, looking at our rhythms with God, with family, with each other and with the world around us. It was foundational to what God asks of us and many found fruit in that. Others are excited now to be back to expositional preaching as well. I get that. I'm thankful God's Word is living and active as we look at it for guidance together. We love seeing most of you attending in person again, it feels more like community and family that way, but we are also aware that there is benefit and need for digital ministry to continue. Even after the livestream our services are viewed about 65 times a week after they are uploaded.

During our rhythms series we had several families engage with a marriage enrichment survey to learn more about their relationships. That helped those individual couples but also gave us some insight to our church's relationships. That allowed us to focus some of our discipleship efforts towards helping our felt needs and a communication and conflict resolution was held considering that identified need.

Personally, I remain thankful for the opportunity to serve in this role. The support from the church, its leadership, and my family are of great encouragement to me. I'm blessed to work alongside a wonderful staff who all prioritize what God is up to and enable us to equip people to find life and faith in Christ. I'm thankful to have finished the ordination work in our denomination and to have celebrated that with you last summer. I'm looking forward to what God has for us as we move out of a transition period and into advancing ministry in our lives, our community, and the world we have opportunity to impact.

Associate Pastor Report

Introduction: This is my ninth year on staff at Nowthen. My primary tasks have included: facility management, administration & communications, missions, and general pastoral care. While most of my responsibilities have been “behind the scenes,” I continue to experience a taste of teaching, visitation, counseling, and preaching. It continues to be a blessing to serve at NAC.

Administration & Communications: In 2021 we regained a substantial portion of our congregation to in person worship. At the same time we continue to see that nearly one third of our service attendance is remote. We estimate that roughly 75 individuals participate in our services via our electronic stream and another 30 view service recordings. While the net effect is that one third worship remotely and two thirds in person, we do not know if this pattern will persist. We pray that the Holy Spirit would guide our Elders in these matters – understanding that while methods may change the message is constant!

Facilities: By God’s grace we were able to address a number of major repairs in 2021 including the roof and our HVAC system. God provided a vendor to us that understood the realities of church operation, damage mitigation, and insurance coverage. In conjunction with our insurance company, the Oasis group mitigated interior water damage and replaced our entire roof. They were also able to put together a plan that allowed us to replace ten of our older roof top HVAC units. Finally, the Oasis group will return the interior spaces of buildings B and C to “like new” condition. When completed, Nowthen will have near a quarter million dollars in improvements covered by insurance.

Missions: In June of 2021 we sent a team from Nowthen to Manta, Ecuador. (Because of Covid we needed to cancel our trips in 2020.) While the missions team continues our three-tier approach to missions, we are making transitions in our global tier. Since we have NAC international workers in Taiwan, Ecuador, and Germany, we plan to promote partnerships with Kalen and Britta Thrane (Africa), Caleb and Erin Kohl (Germany), and Chris and Jamie O’Dell (Taiwan). We implement our local tier via monthly Missions Partners including: Eliever, Young Life, CAER, Samaritan’s Purse, Compassion International, The Alliance Women, CAMA, GCF, and local giving ministries.

Pastoral Care: The pandemic required us to make significant changes in pastoral care. In 2020 we combined a number of ministries into the CARE team and we continue to rely on this team. Members of the CARE team contact for visitation, offer assistance and provide general care for our congregation. These allows NAC Pastors to concentrate on those in care centers or hospitals. Shepherding has taken on a new focus in 2021. On a side note, I have prepared two more video Sunday School classes in 2021 for those unable to attend in person. Currently, the Gospel of Mark is available on the church website.

In conclusion, I want to thank Laura, my bride of 41 years, for her faithful support and constant love. Laura and I thank each of you for your encouragement to us this past year. Blessings to each of you!

Sincerely, Pastor Bruce Powers

Worship Pastor Report

Pastor Nathan Hunter

Worship: 1 Peter 2:9 “But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” What a verse! Let God empower you, then live out your testimony sharing what God has done for you by calling you out of darkness and into His wonderful light. Though we are imperfect, we CAN glorify God and give testimony sharing who Jesus is and what He has done and is doing in us. I want to thank all the people involved in worship and tech ministries. I see so many of you serving faithfully, coming to rehearsals ready, attentive to detail and giving Jesus your best. Keep improving. Keep your motive solid in glorifying God with every note! What you are doing touches the heart of God and invites the people of NAC to a relationship with Jesus! We continue to improve in areas of technology in sound and video presence. We are not there yet and need someone to manage our tech so that what happens in the building AND online can be excellent week after week. Christmas this season was amazing with many children leading worship singing praises to Jesus. They were great! Next Christmas I hope to do a benefit concert for the community that encourages NAC to invite people to benefit the community in some way using music, media and fun. I hope to use more children and youth in services in 2022 as well. 55 people were faithfully active in worship and tech in 2021.

Small Groups: We started a new small group this year with young families. We had 6 faithful groups running through the year with Growth Track starting back up in the fall. Thank you, small group leaders, for loving and caring for people as you lead them to Jesus!!! So grateful for you! It’s not always easy. We have a handful of other small groups as well that are closed groups to keep their intimacy which is a good thing. Grateful for those leaders as well. Small Groups continue to be an important ministry designed to keep the balance between building relationships with one another AND encourage growth in our relationship with Jesus. I’m working on finding material for 2022 that unifies small groups so that we know Jesus and are passionate to lead others to Him. I hope to add two more small groups by the fall of 2022. Over 100 people were involved in small groups.

Growth Track: Growth Track restarted in the fall of 2021. Excited to see newer people grow in their relationship with Jesus and one another! Covid hurt us in 2020 to 2021, but we got it restarted in the fall of 2021 and will continue through 2022. This is a great resource to connect new people with one another, give them a friend to connect to, and know how to use what God has given them to be able to connect, grow and participate at Nowthen Alliance and in the world around them. The Growth Track is offered every other month starting in September and goes through May every season.

Connections: We restarted the connections team in the fall of 2021. This team connects people that come through our doors on Sunday morning to invite them to connect with us and encourage connection with Jesus through a next step or small groups. They love people at the door and in the building bringing a smile and relationship that we all need. I’m so grateful for these people who make coming to church an inviting and pleasurable one. We need you! In 2022 I hope to connect the new people of NAC better to the Growth Track, Small Groups, opportunities to serve, or just one another. More than 38 people were involved in this team in 2021.

Decorations: Meagen Sundstrom and Cindy Gregorsen have been faithfully creating beautiful spaces in our church. Their husbands, Doug and Eric have been an amazing help as well cleaning out storage and being great help for the ladies as they design and create spaces for worship upstairs and downstairs. Thank you and great job!

Grounds: Sandy Wallace has worked hours and hours weeding, planting new perennials, cleaning out the rose bushes in the front of door B, and creating spaces at the doors that are beautiful and inviting as we come into the church. It all looks amazing! So grateful for you! Some of you have helped her at times. So thankful for that! We need more people helping to weed this summer. Please even come once and spend a few hours helping out so she isn’t alone! Let me know you can help and I’ll connect you with her. (huntern@nowthenalliance.org)

Student Ministries Report

First, I would to thank you so much for loving and welcoming myself and my wife into your church family. What a wonderful family this is! I have loved getting to know you all and having your support in shepherding your students of Nowthen Alliance! I thoroughly enjoy getting to come alongside the students of Nowthen and use my God-given gifts and abilities to love and support their growth in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I love partnering with each and every one of my co-workers both on the church staff and volunteer leaders in the Youth Ministry. I love the relationships I have built with Pastor Nate, Nathan, Bruce, Rob, Cindy and Cherie as well as strengthening a relationship with Abby. The Youth Volunteers are all phenomenal people who love your students and more importantly love serving their God in our Youth Ministry. Their devotion makes my ministry here very easy, enjoyable, enriching and challenging in the best ways. It is truly iron sharpening iron and I have been challenged to grow and have been enriched through my 11 months here so far. I look forward to many many years of this here at Nowthen Alliance.

Events and Outings of 2021

We have had some fun and engaging events, and outings, in my time here. Starting with some really fun and easy ways to get to know your students, right away this last summer. The “after-Corner-Ball-hang-outs” were not only a great way to easily interact with students, but also see where they live, and get to know their parents. We met at 7 different youth students homes after Corner Ball to just hang out and play. This made the fall kick off easier because I had a relationship foundation already built with most students. Construction made the fall and winter a little bit interesting but the Lord is good and we experienced spiritual growth regardless. The Holy Spirit doesn’t need walls and the carpet finished, to be able to work! Can I get an AMEN?

We had 11 students come with us to Camp Shamineau’s Fall Fling this fall. Which was a great group and a great time of Spiritual growth as well as relational growth. I do believe that each and every one of our students (and leaders) all cried that weekend because of what the Holy Spirit was doing in our hearts, through the speaker. We had a memorable time watching “The End of The Spear” and hearing from the Singfiel’s during the missions conference. The students didn’t want to stop asking questions to the missionaries at our normal ending time. We also partnered with Pastor Rob and Compassion Church to support his ministry to people experiencing homelessness in Anoka. We had my (Josh’s) mentor who lives in Wisconsin, as well as, Pastor Shannon Chickering, come and speak to the youth about relationships this fall. The students seemed to thoroughly enjoy these two. We have worked through some typical relationship issues that all great youth groups have gone through. Relationships are hard, even as adults!

Looking into the Future

LIFE Conference is very much on the foreground of the Youth schedule! Every event we have currently scheduled is leading up to this trip. There are many fundraisers planned, for the 17 students, to hopefully be fully funded to go to LIFE Conference in July 2022.

Other Duties As Assigned

First, I would like to say my least favorite other duty that I actually offered to do, was cleaning up day old puke that filled up a sink. BUT, I would like to say that I thoroughly enjoy coming up with graphics for events and social media posts. The other thing that I thoroughly enjoyed, was planning the “Prayer, Praise and Pie” event. It was so great to hear all of you share your thankfulness for all that God had blessed you with in 2021. I look forward to serving this amazing body of believers for many years to come, in any way that I am able.

Thanks and God bless!

Josh Hanson

Children's Ministries Report

Nowthen Family, it has been such a joy stepping into this community and getting the opportunity to help lead so many wonderful families and children to pursue Christ as individuals and all together. In my short time here, God has been faithful to us through provision and opportunities for ministry and my family. As we are preparing to welcome our favorite little surprise into the world, I reflect on how wonderful these past eight months have been being on staff and seeing God at work.

2021 celebration points

Although I have only been a part of this family since August, Cherie Morgan helped equip me for success by having things set in place as I stepped in. As families step back into a rhythm of life with less covid impact, we can see blessings on blessings. This past summer, Corner Ball Club was successful with 206 registered students and around 70 volunteers!

Sundays: Although we have not been able to bring back children's church, it has been a massive point of joy to see so many students worshipping and learning alongside their parents in the services. Sunday mornings allow us to see many students come through both the nursery and Sunday school classes each week. We have the blessing of wonderful and faithful volunteers who have taken on the task of engaging with kids and teaching them some of what the Bible has to teach us. The nursery has seen its highest level of students during the 10:45 service. While volunteer levels often leave the nursery as an "on-call" option during the 8:30 service, we are thankful to be able to provide care on a nearly weekly basis. Sunday Family Funday is something that we have started to encourage family time and provide faith development tools to parents to encourage their children's faith walk along with their own. Each month we have served a few more families who have chosen to come and participate, leaving us with somewhere between 40 and 60 people in attendance each month.

Wednesdays: During the summer, we did Family Fun Nights in place of VBS amid the transition of leadership within Children's Ministry. Family Nights were well attended each week with a different theme or activity. We saw involvement from Nowthen families and families from our surrounding community.

Awana has been taking place on Wednesday evenings starting in late September and running through the end of April. With around 70 registered students and 28 volunteers, we see approximately 65 people come through our doors and stay for the duration of Awana programming each week!

2022 Goals, Mission and Vision

We will host both Corner Ball Club and Summer Family Nights again this summer. While preparations are well underway, we are ready for a wonderful summer completed by incredible God moments through time as a community. Sundays this summer will result in one elementary class again. However, we will go back to two elementary classes again in the fall!

The nursery will continue to be available to parents where we can provide a safe and caring environment for parents to feel comfortable leaving their children. At the same time, they attend Sunday School or services. The fall will bring about some new changes to our Wednesday evening programming but will bring about the return of Sunday Family Funday starting on September 11th.

In Him,
Abby Vovk- Director of Children's Ministry

Audit Summary

The Audit Committee has reviewed the financial records for 2021 and have again found the financial records and process to be well organized and in good condition with no abnormalities.

We reviewed financial statements and the internal controls. This included the regular contributions, invoices, bank statements and corresponding documentation.

- Samples of deposits were matched to bank statements and to deposit summaries prepared by the offering counters. We found that monies were deposited in a timely manner and distributed correctly to the accounts designated by the givers.
- Invoices and payables were reviewed and found to be paid accurately and timely.
- Time sheets for part-time paid positions are reviewed and approved and payments made in a timely manner.

Weekly deposits are counted by two individuals each Sunday morning. The counters verify the deposit amount, reports are prepared and signed by each individual. Deposits are promptly delivered to the bank each week.

From the audit we performed, we feel confident that the financial records of Nowthen Alliance Church for 2021 are in satisfactory order.

We would like to commend those involved with the financial activities of the church for the exceptional organization and hard work. Their time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Jones
Ben Lorenz

Financial Reports

Statement of Activities 2021

Years Ended December 31, 2021, 2020 and 2019

	2021	2020	2019
<u>INCOME</u>			
Worship Service Offerings:			
General Operating Fund	718,637	695,690	696,760
Mortgage Principal Reduction	15,909	19,650	26,192
Other Income	217,311	3,346	5,384
Total Income	951,857	718,685	728,336
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Worship Services	6,992	7,302	8,556
Adult & Family Ministries	2,684	3,679	3,548
Youth Ministries	9,936	10,434	16,002
Children's Ministries	7,144	15,509	11,990
Personnel	398,046	375,259	385,487
Denominational Assessments	35,568	33,246	32,832
Building and Grounds:			
Maintenance & Insurance	120,872	78,100	73,810
Utilities	34,313	29,861	33,286
Interest on Building Loan	20,511	29,765	32,255
Donation to Compassion Church	20,000		
Other Operating Expenses	69,557	58,971	69,338
Amortization & Depreciation	114,748	89,924	90,966
Total Expense	840,373	732,051	758,069
Change in Net Assets	111,484	(13,366)	(29,733)

Notes:

Our building loan with Bank of the West was refinanced in April. The interest rate on the prior loan was 4.87% while the rate on the new loan is 3.55%, a reduction of 1.32%. The monthly payment was reduced from \$4,461 to \$2,579. The new loan began with a balance of \$496,000 and has a term of ten years. It is estimated the balance of the new loan in April, 2031 will be about \$350,000 and a new loan will need to be negotiated at that time.

Capital improvements made during year 2019 include: replacing a parking lot light that fell, installing a new water fountain, and upgrading light fixtures for greater efficiency.

Capital Improvements made during year 2020 include: A computer to offer our services online and live-streamed; two large screens for the sanctuary.

Capital Improvements made during year 2021 include: Ten new rooftop HVAC units and an elevated audio/visual booth including new audio/visual equipment.

Statement of Cash Flows - 2021

	Local Activities	Designated Funds	YTD Total
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Change in Net Assets	111,484		111,484
Depreciation Expense	90,448		90,448
Prepaid Expenses	(881)		(881)
Interest Payable	(2,089)		(2,089)
Accounts Payable	12,512	(5,209)	7,303
Payroll Protection Plan Loan Forgiven	(79,345)		(79,345)
Net Cash From Operations	132,128	(5,209)	126,919
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Building & Improvements	(61,517)		(61,517)
Furniture and Equipment	(1,687)		(1,687)
Net Cash Used For Investing	(63,203)		(63,203)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Building Loan Principle Reduced	(24,324)		(24,324)
Net Cash Used For Financing	(24,324)		(24,324)
Net Cash Increase (Decrease)	44,601	(5,209)	39,392
Cash at Beginning of Year	219,375	11,759	231,134
Cash at End of Year	263,976	6,550	270,526
Accounts Payable	30,731		30,731
Building Loan Payment Due Jan 8	2,579		2,579
Other Restricted Funds		6,550	6,550
Cash Available	230,666		230,666

Statements of Financial Position - December 31, 2021, 2020, and 2019

	2021	2020	2019
ASSETS			
Cash In Bank	270,526	231,134	135,212
Accounts Receivable	4,220	4,900	8,700
Prepaid Expenses	8,832	7,271	5,558
Buildings & Improvements (Net of Depreciation)	1,590,069	1,606,087	1,683,401
Furniture & Equipment (Net of Depreciation)	33,734	44,347	50,023
Loan Costs (Net of Amortization)	9,744	11,571	13,398
Total assets	1,917,124	1,905,310	1,896,292
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	30,731	97,564	19,896
Interest Payable		2,089	2,296
Designated Giving	6,550	11,858	18,076
Arvid/Fern Anderson Memorial	40,000	40,000	40,000
Audrey Anderson Memorial	41,354	41,354	41,354
Building Loan	473,621	497,946	546,806
Total liabilities	592,256	690,811	668,427
Net assets	1,324,868	1,214,499	1,227,865
Total liabilities and net assets	1,917,124	1,905,310	1,896,292

Designated Contributions - 2021

Breakdown of Designated Contributions

	2021	2020	2019
Designated Giving Categories:			
C&MA Great Commission Fund	54,886	61,624	68,889
C A M A Services	650	600	450
Benevolent Fund	18,178	14,750	13,011
Memorials Fund		270	810
Thanksgiving Offering			2,563
Great Commission Women - Day Group	3,907	2,130	3,895
Great Commission Women - Evening Group	2,816	1,150	3,164
Adult Missions Trip		3,535	36,000
Youth Missions Trip		100	11,737
Sunday School/AWANA	2,245	2,700	7,449
Love Offerings	32,620	5,690	75
Total Designated Giving Contributions	115,301	92,550	148,043

Notes:

During 2011, a contribution was received from the Audrey Anderson estate in the amount of \$41,354 for supporting our Nowthen Missionaries. On January 1, 2012, these funds were used to reduce the loan balance. Each month the amount of interest that would have been paid on this portion of the loan is set aside to support our Nowthen Missionaries.

During 2006, a contribution was received from the family of Arvid and Fern Anderson in the amount of \$42,000 to support the Big Sandy Camp Scholarship Fund for our children and youth. Initially, \$2,000 was placed in the Big Sandy Camp Scholarship Fund and \$40,000 was invested. The investments were redeemed and on March 1, 2012, the loan balance was reduced an additional \$40,000. Each month the amount of interest that would have been paid on this portion of the loan is set aside in the Big Sandy Camp Scholarship Fund, and the money is used to reduce the cost of attending camp for those who complete a scholarship application.

Deaconess Report

Serving this past year as deaconesses have been Donna Bremer, Cindy Goodrich, Julie Hall, Liz Lorenz, Jeannie Murdock, Donella Petro, Dorene Russell and Becky Wilson.

We met the 3rd Sunday of almost each month, to pray over the many needs in our church body, as well as to discuss other areas of service where we could be of help. Our regular areas of service include ministering to our widows, sending cards of encouragement, get well or sympathy to the congregation, and sending holiday greetings and encouragement cards to our college students and those serving in the military.

We held two events for the widows of the church, a luncheon in the summer at Pizza Ranch and a brunch held at the church in the fall. Lord willing, we will be having a soup and salad luncheon at Guardian Angels in May 2022. These events have a good turnout and each of us enjoy our time spent with these lovely ladies.

Debbie Stenzel and Donella Petro have been coordinating Take Them a Meal. As in past years, this is a much needed and appreciated ministry. We want to thank the many in our church family who have provided these meals.

In the past year, we have had the privilege of providing a meal for the following funerals/celebration of life for the following people and their families: Steven Nordhausen, Lawren Ingalls and Cindy Barney. Nowthen may have had others held at our church but the food was not organized by the deaconesses. We want to again thank our church body that volunteer their time and service during these times.

The deaconesses would like to thank Denny Coons who serves as our meal coordinator for funerals and to Julie Guimont who serves as the Nowthen funeral coordinator. Each one of these individuals make our responsibilities lighter.

Serving the congregation of Nowthen is a calling and a blessing, and many hands lighten the load. It has been my pleasure and a blessing to serve with these women over the past year, they each have a servant's heart.

In His Service,

Cindy Goodrich, Chairperson, on behalf of the Deaconess Committee

Alliance Women Day Group Report

Director

Our Alliance Women group meets for the purpose of praying for and continuing to support the International workers (IW) who serve the Christian & Missionary Alliance, as well as through other organizations. The Day Group meets on the second Thursday of the month at 9:30 am in the church conference room. Our monthly attendance typically averages 7-8 people, with a high of 11.

Our meetings continue to follow a similar format that has been followed in the past, but is less structured. We begin with a devotional prayer and simple snacks for refreshments. We review our IW newsletters and updates, and pray for them and their families. We also pray for any other prayer requests that are brought to our attention. Prayer continues to be our main concern. We were blessed to hear from Tally Ouedraogo, Britta Thrane, Katie Laos, and Rose Fredell in person this year. Sharilyn Nydam also shared about the STEM program being used with the Good News Clubs/CEF (Sarah & David Guyatt). The business part of our meeting is held to consider available funds collected at our meeting and how we may best use the resources to support our IWs.

The IWs we continue to pray for represent the Christian & Missionary Alliance, Navigators, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Reach Beyond, Pioneers, REI (Resource Exchange International), Open Air Campaigners, YWAM, Wycliffe, and individuals from Nowthen Alliance Church who served on short term missions trips.

Meeting Notes on 2021-2022:

April-met in person, prayer, invitation to AW luncheon, members from our group contributed money toward gifts and Joni purchased and delivered them to Guardian Angels Care Center for the staff to disseminate, due to Covid guidelines.

May-AW hostessing the Women's luncheon. Shelly Kragt & Kelsey Bergfalk were the special speakers.

June-Tally Ouedraogo was our special speaker, prayer

July-Britta Thrane was our special speaker, prayer. Changed way of giving (families are getting more)

August- prayer

September- prayer

October- prayer; Sharilyn N shared CEF information with STEM programming

November-Katie Laos was our special speaker, prayer

December-prayer

January-Rose Fredell was our special speaker, prayer

February-prayer

March-prayer

We are thankful that our church still values the Alliance Women and the role they play in supporting our IWs through prayer and giving.

We look forward to another year of serving the Lord by praying for our IWs.

Respectfully submitted by Joni Aspengren

Alliance Women Day Group Report

Treasurer

Balance Forward from 2020	\$1.00	
Meeting Offerings	\$3,907.00	
Total		\$2,546.00
Expenditures:		
Speaker	\$300.00	
CMA International Workers	\$930.00	
Other Nowthen International Workers	\$2,470.00	
Third Culture Kid Christmas Gift	\$50.00	
Total Expenditures		\$3,750.00
Year End Balance 2021		\$158.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheryl Fischer
Treasurer

Alliance Women Sunday Group Report

Director

Philippians 4:6 “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” This is our goal as we uphold our workers that are on the front line sharing the love of God, in places that we need it. Even though in some places, ministry has been able to resume because of not being as hindered because of Covid, that hasn’t been the same for everyone. Some of the workers have had to still figure out ways of effecting ministering with the restrictions in place. Our workers still need prayer in figuring out the best way that they can reach the lost without being able to meet in person and to do one-on-one ministry. That is where we can come along side and support them though prayer and our financial gifts.

We were able to meet 8 times this past year. We were privileged to have Katie Lao and Britta Thrane share with us about their ministries. We also were able to have a Spring Brunch, together with the other AW group and Nowthen Women’s ministry. Shelly Kragt shared about the new work she will be involved in with. She will be working with Envision in the Twin Cities working with minorities and immigrants. Kelsey Bergfalk also shared about Compassion, the new work they are starting in Anoka with the homeless.

We were able to share financially with the following:

- David and Sarah Guyatt with Child Evangelism in Canda
- Carletta Lahn and Bible translation project in Peru
- Britta Thrane and the nursing students she works with in Gabon
- Compassion Church in Anoka with money from the Spring Brunch
- Katie Lao, leaving for the Middle East for their first assignment
- The Newman family, Christmas gifts for the children
- O’Dells and their work in Taiwan
- Ouedraogos and their transition to Ohio with YWAM
- Money for the Supply Room for the Northwestern District for International Workers

We meet the second Sunday of the month during the Sunday School hour. We welcome anyone to join us for support our workers and intercede for them. If you aren’t able to join us, we do have printed out requests that we would be happy to share with you. Let Joni Aspengren or Carol Manske know that you would like a copy each month.

For Alliance Women

Carol Manske

Alliance Women Sunday Group Report

Treasurer

Money received 2021	\$2,866.00
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Money Paid Out:

Aroma Café (Taiwan)	\$100.00
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Thrane (Gabon nursing students)	\$200.00
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Newman Children (Christmas)	\$200.00
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Compassion Church (Spring Brunch)	\$1,000.00
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Guyatt (CEF of Canada)	\$150.00
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ATEK (Peru-bibles)	\$150.00
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Outfit Room (District)	\$300.00
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Honorariums	\$300.00
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Quedrago	\$100.00
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Brunch Expenses	\$200.00
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Total paid out 2021	\$2,700.00
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Cindy Goodrich

Carol Manske