

Elders Minutes

Oct. 2, 2017

7:00 p.m., Room 3

Present: Don Allcorn, Pastor Eddie Brown, Brett Liesemeyer, Keith Sumner, Lee Wagenknecht. Pastor Ty Burgoon was not present in the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

Prayer: several people in the church family were lifted up in prayer

Approval of Minutes: Brett moved we accept the minutes; Don seconded.
Passed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Deacons Report/Building Report: See Scott Young's attached updates.

- discussed the need for more cleaning help: Bridget Fetterman's name was mentioned as a potential helper.

ASSIGNMENT: Don will communicate with Scott Young to add someone else to help with cleaning.

Discussion about the light in the parking lot: they have discussed a solar powered light. (Hunter is looking into this.)

2. Missions Report: The Missions Committee continues to meet and to seek to minister to our missionaries. A possible mission trip to Costa Rica is being contemplated. After the last meeting, one member resigned from the committee. The committee is charged by Scott Tuttle to look for opportunities within our community to provide ministry and service projects so we can show the love of Jesus and share the Gospel.

Airfare to Costa Rica is approximately \$500 this time of year. Keith suggested a phone contact with the Turners or a video from them about what might need to be done. Timing: Scott is thinking after the rainy season (March); probably August or September. Carol Jobe recommended we have a missions Sunday before January when Ron leaves for Haiti.

Discussion: timing is a factor late this year. Keith suggested a Missions Week with information placed daily on Facebook about various missionaries.

Scott mentioned having Joey Beaher offer a testimony and offer to mentor some in his own personal evangelism efforts.

Scott intends to focus on support of our missionaries through the Missions Committee and to focus on local outreach through the SLT group.

3. Youth Report: See Ty's attached update. Keith has made suggestions to Ty to seek to transition into a ministry with young adults for about 25% of his time. ASSIGNMENT: Keith and Lee will have conversation with Ty to help to facilitate this transition.

4. Children's Ministry: Pastor Eddie reported that he will be asking the church to support Dharma and her work through this time of treatment for her cancer. He will ask people to volunteer rather than waiting for her call.

The Elders will seek someone else to do a children's program this year. Much of Dharma's work will be done from her home during her cancer treatments.

ASSIGNMENT: Pastor Eddie to communicate to Dharma and to discuss how someone could oversee a scaled-back children's musical program.

Keith reminded that we need committee heads and the appropriate Deacons and Elders to sign off on reimbursements via the green sheets.

5. Office coverage plans: Sandy Wedemeyer and Becki Backe will alternate 3/2 and 2/3 days per week until further notice.
6. Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Oct. 22nd, the day after the Fall Party, unless we shift it back to Oct. 29th.

Consensus: the meeting will be on the 29th.

Lee suggested having it in the new building.

Will we have chili for the congregational meeting?

No plans were made nor was anyone appointed to be over this meal.

7. Elders: Matt Boatright is pleased to serve.

Don asked about having an interim pastor.

The Search Committee will meet again in January. They suggest we get an interim pastor. Lee suggests the Search Committee might be willing to oversee this contact with Interim Pastoral Ministries. We need a job description for the interim. Items for a job description include preaching, small group on Wednesday, availability for pastoral counseling, hospital visitation.

We discussed area seminaries and how well they would mesh with us as supplying interim pastors or pulpit supply.

Don suggested we meet again in two weeks to discuss the interim pastor job description. ***That meeting was not scheduled*** unless the group agreed to meet two weeks from Oct. 2nd – hence, on Oct. 16th.

ASSIGNMENT: Pastor Eddie to make his job description available and to provide

the names of several possibilities for supply from Midwestern or from Calvary.

Agenda: . . . annual reports; any specific focus?

Relationship of the Pastor Search process and the STL group?

7. Strategic Leadership/Malphurs Group report or issues needing

discussion . . . Lee and others. 11 of 14 came on Friday night; 13 of 14 were there on Saturday. Scott did a great job. They discussed the case for participating in such a process; spiritual formation and confession and repentance; church ministry analysis confirmed that we have a pretty good self-awareness; some 17,000 in Pettis County have no religious affiliation.

He left us with a charge to form a Workplace account, a Facebook owned site. We need to form the individual implementation teams to launch in coming months. There will be a concerted focus on prayer. Everyone on the committee will lead a team to develop ideas and plans in various areas of ministry. Lee, Matt, and Ty will not lead an individual team but will assist and coach other involved in this process.

Aaron Criss will lead the prayer team; Scott Tuttle, community outreach; Cindi, staffing and job descriptions; Jenna Wright, disciple-making. Lee has asked Pam Young to chair the communications team. Kenny Vaught wants to be involved in the facilities team. Casey Sumner will head up creativity and innovation. Christina and Tammy and Cindi will work with a partner in one of the teams.

Lee suggests we consider two optional teams: board excellence and leadership development. If we approve this, these committees would be made up of this board.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion about anonymity for the summary of the survey results conducted by the Search Committee. The purpose of the surveys was to come up with a summary statement about who we are. What is our self-identity? What did the congregation see as desired qualifications for a new pastor?

ASSIGNMENT: Lee to report on the summary of the survey results at the congregational meeting. Lee will clarify the non-relationship of the Search Committee and the SLT Malphurs group.

2. Radio advertising: a quote from Bob Chancellor, KSIS, KXXK, and BOBFM. Discussion about various forms of advertising to get our name before the public. There was not interest in this type of ad at this time.
3. Budget Considerations: we need to plan our budgeting process. Shall we ask John to work up a proposed budget? We will have some changes in the 2018 budget.

ASSIGNMENT: Keith to speak with John White about the budget process.

4. Family Concerns
 - Dharma and Carlos and family
 - employment issues for several
5. Pastor's Notes communicated as prayer concerns at the time of prayer. Pastor Eddie informed the Elders of his plans to be gone the 29th.

ASSIGNMENT: Pastor Eddie to seek someone from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary as pulpit supply for Oct. 29th.

Don nominated Matt to another term as Elder; Brett seconded the nomination; passed.

ASSIGNMENT: Pastor Eddie to get Matt Boatright's name in the bulletin.

Lee moved that Paul Calvert be extended the invitation to the Elder board; Brett seconded the motion; passed.

Brett moved we adjourn; Don seconded. Consensus approval.

Scott adjourned the meeting with prayer shortly after 10:00pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Pastor Eddie Brown