

Elder Council Meeting
July 1st, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Members present: Jon Knopp, Mike Evans, Randy Beach. Elder Intern: Ross Phillips. Administrative Assistant: Bob Sievert

Ross Phillips opened the meeting in prayer.

Philippians 4:1-9 Mike Evans led the discussion of Philippians 4:1-9. Jon Knopp will lead the study of Philippians 4:10-23 at the next Council meeting.

The minutes of the June 17th meeting were approved with two minor edits and will be posted on the FCC web site: www.Homeforever.org

OLD BUSINESS:

Doctrinal Statement and Constitution Revisions: The Elder Council completed the review and editing of the current Faith Community Church Constitution and Doctrinal Statement. A new section on "Indemnification" was added. Thanks to Debbie Haag who reviewed the document and offered suggestions for grammar and consistency. The documents will be forwarded to the Management Team for their review, and will then be presented to the membership at the fall MO Vision meeting for consideration and adoption.

Ross Phillips – Status of Internship: The Council unanimously confirmed God's calling on Ross Phillips to serve as an elder. His installation will occur at both services during a Sunday morning worship service in early August.

A Couple in Relational Stress: The elders followed up on their meetings with each of the individuals in the marriage relationship under stress. The Council will be composing a letter to these two people addressing the desire and direction that the elders recommend these individuals take.

Missionaries: The elders discussed practical ways that the church may come to the side of those who are called into the mission field. This topic will be taken up in more detail at the next Elder Council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Baptism Class on July 19: Ross will teach the class during first service, Randy during the second service, and Jon will be available at either service – depending on demand.

2009-2010 Budget: The Elder Council reviewed the input from the Management Team relative to the new budget for 2009-2010. The elders will

use the next two weeks to study the budget, dedicating a large time segment of the July 15th Elder Council meeting to formulating a new budget.

Elder – Staff Retreat and Leadership Summit: Scheduled for August 5,6,7 at Eagle Brook Church in Hugo, the elders will let Kris Thomas know next week of their availability to attend the retreat and summit.

Faith Works Ministry Team: A vision and mission statement for a new ministry titled “Faith Works Ministry” was presented to the Elder Council for consideration. This topic will be taken up at the next Elder Council meeting. This proposed ministry will be a follow-up to the “Faith Works” mission being conducted during the week of July 5th; but will be on-going in nature. The purpose is to come along side in practical ways, those with temporary needs within our church family and community. It will be important for God to raise up a “point person” to provide leadership before this ministry is adopted.

Mission Trip to Uganda in February: The elders discussed the communication involved with the upcoming mission trip to Uganda. There may be people participating in this mission trip from several churches in the New Richmond area. The question arose whether this mission trip was considered to be a Faith Community Church sponsored trip; or a non-sponsored mission trip with people from Faith Community church participating. It is the understanding of the elders that this is not a Faith Community Church sponsored mission trip. Todd Hennlich will be addressing this issue with those who are involved in putting the mission trip together.

The topic of developing an on-going relationship with Habitat for Humanity will be addressed at the next Elder Council meeting.

The Elder Council closed in conversational prayer for the needs of those in the church family.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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