

Elder Council Meeting
July 15th, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Randy Beach, Jon Knopp. Elder Intern: Ross Phillips. Administrative Assistant: Bob Sievert. Excused (vacation): Mike Evans. Excused (Sabbatical Leave): Kevin Weaver.

Bob Sievert opened the meeting in prayer.

Philippians 4:10-23 Jon Knopp led the discussion of Philippians 4: 10-23. Randy Beach will lead the study on the first chapter of Romans at the August 5th Elder Council meeting.

The minutes of the July 1st meeting were approved as submitted and will be posted on the FCC web site: www.Homeforever.org

OLD BUSINESS:

Missionary Support Discussion: The elders discussed the topic of mission support; and how we might be more effective in advancing mission work in the future. This topic will be placed on the August 5th agenda for further discussion.

Baptism Class July 19th: Three adults have signed up for baptism which is scheduled for Sunday, August 2nd. Tammy Pribnow has taken the class; Mark and Donna Lambert will be taking the class at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 19th. Ross Phillips will be leading the class. Testimonies are scheduled for Wednesday evening, July 22nd at 6:00 p.m. in the Team Room.

2009-2010 Budget: The Elders discussed and approved a new budget for the upcoming fiscal year beginning August 1st 2009, through July 31, 2010. The total dollar figure for the new budget came in at \$727,622, which is down \$1,160 from last year's budget of \$728,782. The new budget will be presented at the September "Members Vision" meeting.

Follow-up discussion on a letter sent to a couple experiencing relational stress: Letters expressing the wisdom, encouragement, and desire of the Elder Council were recently given to each member of a couple experiencing relational stress. The elders discussed the process involved, timing, and unity of response. The elders desire to be faithful to Biblical teaching, while demonstrating genuine care, love and support for couples experiencing relational difficulties.

NEW BUSINESS:

Habitat for Humanity: Habitat for Humanity has given us a brochure about coming into a formal relationship with their organization. This relationship

would involve a) on-going financial support, b) on-going prayer, and c) on-going volunteer support to Habitat for Humanity, St. Croix County. The elders briefly discussed the opportunity of coming into a partner relationship with Habitat, but deferred any decision until the next meeting.

Missionary Assessment: The elders discussed and reaffirmed the following: “consideration regarding a request for financial support to attend a Missionary Assessment from a church planting candidate. The need for support is driven by the “sensitive nature” of this step. The concern of the elders is that this step ought to have the support of the elders of the church this man currently leads. After discussion we agreed to support the candidate at the level of \$250 with two conditions: (1) We can identify \$250 dollars we can use for this purpose. (2) The candidate receives the support of his elders to attend the MAC.”

Benevolence Request: The elders approved a \$250 gift to a person in financial need.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Bob Sievert
Administrative Assistant to the Elder Council