

Elder Council Meeting
September 2nd, 2009

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

Mike Evans opened the meeting in prayer.

Bob Sievert led a teaching on Romans 1:1. Through this teaching the elders discussed what is implied to be a bond servant of Jesus Christ, the calling that God had on Paul's life – and ours as well, and through His calling on our life what it means to be “set apart”. Randy Beach will take up the teaching at the next Elder Council meeting, focusing on Romans 1:2-17.

The elders met with Troy Jensen, Dave Klescewski, and Carl, who discussed the upcoming launch of the “Exodus” ministry sponsored through “The Bridge” church in Somerset. “Exodus” is a ministry designed to come to the side of those dealing with addictions. Through this meeting there was a time of discussion, prayer, confession, and forgiveness. The elders support and are excited about the launch of this new ministry.

The elders met with Aston Wood (Woody) and discussed recent developments in his life that are deepening his faith. The elders encouraged Woody in his spiritual walk and prayed for him and his family.

The minutes of the August 19th Elder Council meeting were approved as submitted and will be posted on the FCC web site: www.Homeforever.org

OLD BUSINESS:

Director of Extension Ministries: Mike Evans handed out a job description for the position of “Director of Extension Ministries”. The elders reviewed and approved the job description. Todd Hennlich was then officially and unanimously confirmed by the elders to serve in this position as a volunteer on a part-time basis. Todd will be asked to serve on the Management Team as his schedule permits. The elders are grateful to God for what He is doing in Todd's life, and in the life of Todd's family.

Update on Missionaries: The elders discussed the status of Will and his family and their decision to take a hiatus in their mission endeavors. The elders support the decision they have made, and prayed for there well being and spiritual health.

NEW BUSINESS:

Worship Concert to Support Missions: Claudia Earley forwarded a written request recommending that we consider sponsoring a concert in support of mission work. The concert would be led by the worship teams at FCC. Titled “From the Inside Out” the concert would include songs that our church family is familiar with. Interspersed through the worship songs would be several messages dealing with missions. The elders endorsed the concept of such a concert and thought it best to plan it in the January/February/March time framework, after the Christmas season. The elders also endorsed using proceeds from the concert to fund missions as a whole, rather than a specific mission trip

Emergency Fund: The elders approved including Chris and Kerri Nelson in the emergency fund. The Nelson’s have a significant financial need as Chris has been fighting off bacterial meningitis, and has spent considerable time in ICU. Our church family and other friends of the Nelsons will be able to help financially by writing a check to “FCC” with the “Nelsons” in the memo line.

Overflow Parking Lot: The elders discussed a request on behalf of a trucker who desires to park his rig in the overflow parking lot on a weekend. The elders were fine with the request as long as the truck wasn’t loaded, as there could be damage to the lot by excessive weight. The elders also would like to work with the trucker to find a location on an on-going basis, so that the church parking lot isn’t used on a frequent basis.

Uganda Trip Fundraising: There was a request by a participant in the upcoming Uganda mission trip to have supporters write tax deductible checks to Faith Community Church for their support. As the Uganda mission trip isn’t a FCC sponsored mission trip, we cannot use the Faith Community tax exempt status to support participants. Bob Sievert will talk with Todd Hennlich to discuss alternative ways of addressing this concern.

Guatemala Mission Trip: Randy Beach will meet with Jeff Johnson and find a time for the two of them to meet with the Elder Council to give feedback on the August mission trip to Guatemala.

Elder Accountability Forms: Accountability forms were given to the elders and will be completed and submitted at the next Elder Council meeting. A time will then be set aside to discuss how elders are doing in modeling their spiritual faithfulness with their spouse and family.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Bob Sievert
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