

Elder Council Meeting
August 19th, 2009

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

Ross Phillips opened the meeting in prayer.

Bob Sievert presented and led a teaching on the subject of the antinomy that exists as live out our role and responsibility as evangelists in light of God's sovereignty. Bob will lead the teaching at the upcoming September 2nd Elder Council meeting, on Romans 1:1.

The minutes of the July 15th Elder Council meeting were approved as submitted and will be posted on the FCC web site: www.Homeforever.org

OLD BUSINESS:

Missionary Support Discussion: The elders continued their discussion as how to effectively select, train, send out, and financially support missionaries from Faith Community. Topics that were discussed were: developing partial financial assistance in the FCC budget for those who are called to short-term mission work; having those who are called to short-term mission work do similar work projects or ministry for a period of time in the FCC environment in New Richmond prior to being sent out; to select missionaries who are gifted and talented in the areas of mission work/helps that are needed in the mission field in which they are being sent. This topic will continue to be discussed and developed through Mike Evans and Todd Hennlich. The elders also discussed how to more effectively communicate and support those who are called and serving in long term mission work.

Kevin Weaver Sabbatical: Kevin Weaver's one-year sabbatical in his role of elder at Faith Community will be coming to a close at the end of September, 2009. The elders expressed interest in meeting with Kevin to process how his sabbatical has gone, and discuss where he is at in terms of re-entering his elder position. Bob Sievert was asked to set up a time for the elders to meet with Kevin at one of the next three Elder Council meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

Habitat for Humanity: Habitat for Humanity has invited FCC into a formal relationship with their organization. This relationship invites Faith Community to support Habitat for Humanity (St. Croix County) through on-going prayer, financial support, and volunteer labor. After much discussion the elders decided

that they have a priority on focusing on the on-going development of the Faith Works ministry, and a formal relationship with Habitat would not be wise at this time. The elders do support the work of Habitat for Humanity and will post Habitat opportunities on the Community Bulletin Board so that those who are interested in volunteering with Habitat will have an opportunity to do so.

Christmas Support – Company B: The elders support the request made by Ron Weller who serves as pastor at “The River” in River Falls to work on a project that will provide Christmas gifts for those in Company B who are currently deployed. There are approximately 70 soldiers who are deployed from the New Richmond community. We will be joining forces with churches from our sister communities who have soldiers in Company B as well. Each gift will cost approximately \$75, including shipping. There is consideration being given to having a community rally in three local communities. Although there is much to be learned about this effort, the elders did endorse Faith Community participating in this project. The elders also decided not to participate in Angel Tree this year; thus leaving Operation Christmas Child and the Company B support as our two Christmas projects.

Budget Update: Bob gave a budget update for the operational budget through July, 2009. As of July 31st there is a positive cash flow margin of \$12,617 in the budget. This represents the first ten-months of this fiscal year. Although giving has been less than budgeted for the year, the expenditures have been frugally monitored, thus being less than budgeted as well. The weekly giving for the month of June was \$12,471, and July was \$13,139. A weekly giving of \$14,015 would be needed if expenditures were made at the level budgeted. The budget for our new fiscal year (2009-2010) was set by the elders at a weekly giving of \$13,993.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Bob Sievert
Administrative Assistant to the Elder Council