

Elder Board Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2009

Members Present: Ken Skillman, Steve Feazel, Steve Lloyd, Sam Allen, Pastor Dave Bruns, Kent Rasmussen, Bud Lang (Chair)

Opening Prayer & Devotion – Ken Skillman

- Ken discussed engaging the lost using Acts chapter 10 as the scripture reference. Ken emphasized that we should not get so caught up in church and its many activities that we forget to seek and reach out to the lost. When we reach out God opens doors. Ken illustrated this point by referring to his recent opportunity to reach out to his former fraternity brothers at Stanford University.

Approval of October 11, 2009 meeting minutes – Minutes were approved with the following changes:

1. Item #7 was changed to read that the Stephen's Ministry training is given each week not twice a month.
2. Item #7b: The word Bus was changed to read Bud.

New Business

1. Jim Dally gave an overview of the plan to address security issues for the church. Jim mentioned that churches and schools are likely places for security issues. Kids are often the target of terrorist's attacks. Jim found an organization that has boilerplate language for developing a security plan for churches. Jim has discussed this plan with the Deacon's and how they might be involved with developing a security emergency response team (SERT). The SERT would deal with potential issues such as medical emergencies, building evacuation and other security issues. The SERT was implemented during the recent Truck or Treat event. The event went very well and the SERT functioned effectively. Recently a security expert met with the SERT to provide training. The training was very well received and resulted in the development of a rapid response map of the churches campus. Soon a similar map will be developed for the interior of the churches buildings. Jim emphasized the importance of having a security plan in place and that without such a plan the church may be held liable. The goal is to have SERT coverage in the sanctuary by the 1st of the year.
2. Pastor Trevor Davis attended the meeting and discussed a variety of issues:
 - A. He mentioned the first impressions efforts citing the new flat screen TV's in the foyer and the signs placed just outside the entrance doors.

- B. He discussed the fact that we are having an increase in the number of visitors. The challenge is how to incorporate these visitors into the life of the church. He suggested the idea of pairing up visitors with Elder's in an effort to help visitors assimilate into the life of the church. The Elder's discussed the idea of also pairing the visitors with church members from the visitor's age and family demographic. Trevor is still in the planning stages of this concept and will report back once the plan is finalized.
 - C. He discussed the development of a welcome DVD both for the churches web site as well as a hand out to church visitors. The DVD will give an overview of the church and its many ministries.
 - D. Finally, Trevor gave an overview of the Jr. High Ministries. He mentioned that 97 kids attended the morning service. Many churches in Paradise and Chico are no longer emphasizing the Jr. High ministry. Trevor mentioned that many of the Jr. High kids who take part in the Jr. High ministry at CMA come from other area churches. Trevor is reaching out to other churches to assist them with their Jr. High programs. Presently most of the ridge school's have Jr. High students attending our church with the exception of Paradise Intermediate School.
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- 3. Pastor Dave Bruns discussed the possibility of the Elder's and their spouses getting together for a Christmas pot luck (kettle chance) dinner at his house sometime during December. Pastor Dave will E-Mail a list of suggested dates.
 - 4. Discussion was held about the possibility of Pastoral staff attending the Elder's meetings once a year to give an overview of their ministry and how the Elder's might offer assistance and/or prayer support. Steve Feazel will work with Pastor Dave to develop a schedule for the various Pastors to attend the Elder's meetings.

Old Business

- 1. Kent Rasmussen gave an update on Dave and Bonnie Saul's medical condition. Kent mentioned how they are both continuing to praise God as they go through this difficult time. We all need to continue to pray for Dave and Bonnie.

Elders Reports:

- 1. Communion: Both the Contemporary and Classic services went well. There was discussion as to which Elder will assume responsibility for overseeing communion during the Contemporary Service. Steve Lloyd suggested that each Elder take communion for two months. For now Steve Feazel will assume responsibility for the Contemporary Service for December and January.
- 2. Oak Knoll – Sam Allen

Sam mentioned that the ministry is going well and a blessing to all. Pastor Trent and the worship choir will do a Christmas presentation in December. Discussion was held regarding the need to expand the ministry to other local care facilities.

3. Membership – Steve Lloyd

A brief discussion was held about following up with new members.

4. Stephen's Ministry

Bud mentioned that the Stephen's Ministry would no longer be listed as part of the regular Elder's agenda.

Pastor Dave discussed an overview of Elder responsibilities using Job as an example. Next meeting we should all be ready to discuss Chapter I from the book Biblical Eldership. Pastor Dave handed out a list of church members and requested that we pray for our church family. He also passed out a hand out that gave a bulleted list of prayer requests.

The meeting was closed in Prayer for various church family needs and concerns.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Feazel, acting secretary.

Next meeting is December 13, 2009