

Elder Board Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2010

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

Special Guests: Dave and La Shawn Montoya

Opening Prayer & Devotion – Bob Fraga

- Bob presented the opening prayer and devotion that was taken from I Samuel chapter 3. Bob pointed out the importance of not only spending time with the Lord but inviting God to speak and then being careful to listen to the Father as he ministers to us.

Approval of the January 10, 2010 meeting minutes – Minutes were approved following MSC by Bob Fraga and Ken Skillman.

New Business

1. La Shawn Montoya, Director of Children's Ministries, attended the meeting and discussed a variety of issues:
 - A. She indicated that this summer's Sports Camp will add a music, art and drama component. The Camp will feature a morning and evening session.
 - B. La Shawn mentioned that the Children's Ministry has a pre-teen outreach that is facilitated by members of the Awakening (college/career) as well as an intern.
 - C. There are presently 80-90 adult volunteers working in the Children's Ministry.
 - D. Sunday morning children's attendance is often sporadic and sometimes discouraging for teachers.
 - E. The Children's Ministries goal is that every child will know who God is, what Salvation is and have an opportunity to respond to the Gospel by the 5th grade.
 - F. La Shawn mentioned how exciting it is when parents attend church because of their children's involvement in the Children's Ministry. As a result of the parents attendance at church they sometimes receive the Lord.
 - G. La Shawn requested that the Elder's pray that God would grant her wisdom for her role as Children's Ministries Director and that God would work in the lives of the children who attend the children's ministry and who often live in very difficult home situations. The Elder's then had the privilege of praying for La Shawn, her family and her ministry.

2. Pastor Dave Montoya discussed strategies for making sure that visitors to the church feel welcome and are assimilated into the life of the church. One strategy discussed is to have a team from the church make a personal contact with church visitors. And if church visitors so desire, Elder's would then follow-up to make sure the church visitors are aware of the various church ministries and how they might become a part of the life of the church. Pastor Dave also emphasized the importance of praying for marriages in our fellowship.

The meeting was closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Feazel, Secretary.

Next meeting is March 14, 2010