

Elder Board Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2009

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

Opening Prayer & Devotion - Steve Lloyd

- Steve gave an overview of Ecclesiastics reading passages from The Message. The primary theme of Ecclesiastics is to not be wise in your own eyes rather run to God.

Approval of July 19, 2009 meeting minutes – MSC: Fraga/Lloyd

Staff Information – Pastor Dave Bruns made the following recommendations/observations:

- Have a table set aside for Elder's at the Wednesday evening Men's Bible Study. This would be an opportunity for team building and holding one another accountable.
- Hold an overnight conference for Elder's. Bud Lang suggested Richardson Springs as a possible location for this overnight conference.
- Leadership development training for Elder's held during our regularly scheduled Elders meetings. Dave suggested this training be held every other month.
- Pastor Dave shared his vision for introducing small groups as an important part of the senior's ministry.

Elders Reports:

1. Communion: Both the Contemporary and Classic services went well. Dave Saul continues to coordinate the Classic Service while Kurt Gilberston continues to coordinate the Contemporary Service.
2. First Impressions – Sam Allen
 - Continue to need new greeters. Discussion was held regarding the importance of seeking out and greeting new faces in our Sunday morning services.
3. Men's Ministry
 - Men's ministry is going very well. Discussion was held regarding several men who are starting to feel more comfortable and interacting with their group. The importance of confidentiality was emphasized. Pastor Dave suggested having participants sign a confidentiality agreement.

4. Mission's – Bud Lang

- Bud discussed how wonderfully God is working in the Muslim community. Building relationships is key when working with Muslims. Our church has been
- contacted by Pastor Raed Wandeh, CMA pastor to Muslims in the Sacramento area. Pastor Wandeh has asked for our assistance with an Arab American learning center in Sacramento. ESL has proven to be an effective outreach to the Muslim community.

5. New Members – Steve Lloyd

- New member's class will be held on August 23 and 30th at 10:30 AM. Elders will interview the new member candidates following the class on the 30th. Discussion was held regarding the importance of checking with the new members periodically to make sure that their questions are answered and that they are getting "plugged" into church ministries.

6. Oak Knoll - Sam Allen

- Attendance has increased at these meetings held the 4th Sunday of the month. Sam reports that those attending are starved for the Good News of Christ. There has also been increased interest from church members wanting to participate in this important ministry.

7. Stephen's Ministry

- The next meeting will be in September. Fred Harr is in the FRH and has asked to be anointed with oil and prayed for. Several Elder's agreed to visit with Fred immediately following the meeting.

New Business

- Bud Lang handed out an updated list of Elder's home and E-Mail addresses.
- Sam Allen facilitated a discussion about the need for having an Elder serve as a liaison with pastors and director's of church ministries. In so doing the Elder's would be better able to pray and as needed assist pastoral staff. In addition, this would help to foster better communications and keep the Elder's better informed about church current events. Pastor Dave agreed to discuss this issue with Jim Daly.

Prayer

- Closed in prayers for marriage issues, Elder's children and health needs.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Feazel, acting secretary.

Next meeting is September 13, 2009