

Minutes of the General Board

Monday, January 16, 2017

6:30 p.m.

Members present: Dave Rohl, Don Rouse, Nancy Wilder, Cort Davisson, Chris Fultz, Matt Fultz, Linda Speziale, Bob Shaw, and Melanie Kelley. Guests present: Jerry Henderson, Doug Lofton, and Shannon Sedgwick.

Matt Fultz opened the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Jason is out of town on business this week. For this month's opening reflection, Matt reported that he visited the Inquirer's class on Sunday, January 15th. In their lesson for the week, the class had the statement "Worship is the only indispensable part of church". Matt had to really think about whether or not he could agree with that statement. The bigger question becomes "if you strip away service to others, mission work, outreach ministries and other things that we do, would worship be all that you need?" Matt invited us to think about it in this way. If you take away worship, then we aren't really any different than any other service organization. Worship is what makes us a church and frames the service that we do through our outreach and other activities. Matt invites us to keep this mentality as we move through the next 18 months. Our worship will be what helps us to design our future ministry.

Matt then gave the opening prayer.

Matt offered the Minutes for the November 28, 2016 meeting. Hearing no changes or comments, Don Rouse made the motion to approve the minutes with a second by Chris Fultz. Minutes approved.

Matt offered the Minutes from the December 11th Congregational Meeting to approve the 2017 budget. Hearing no changes, the motion to approve the minutes was made by Dave Rohl and seconded by Chris Fultz. Minutes approved.

Year-end financials through 2016:

For Year to Date 2016, Total Revenue was \$416,125.20 with 155 giving units. There were three administrative expenses over budget which will be monitored closely in 2017. The three items were telephone, postage and Workmen's Compensation Insurance.

Jerry, on behalf of Stewardship & Finance, raised some questions about how DMF contributions are made. In 2016, we made 4 payments to DMF for a total of \$8,274.51. The 5% budgeted for DMF in 2016 was \$19,228.25. For Year to Date Net Total (Revenue over Expenses), we are showing a balance of \$22,144.18. With this amount, the question is why DMF was not paid in full? According to Doug, payments to DMF should be made automatically each month. The Board will look into this issue and report any findings.

Jerry raised a question about the decision the Board made in September on investing the money from the sale of the property. At the September 19, 2016 meeting, the Board approved moving the

proceeds from the sale of the building to the market account with Church Extension Fund (CEF). Jerry indicated that the money was not received by CEF until November 7th. This delay caused a considerable loss in interest on this account. During the meeting, Doug confirmed with Elaine that the funds went into the CEF account in July 2016. Matt will look into this to find the cause of the delay, and explore ways to avoid having this situation occur in the future. **See addendum attached to Minutes with resolution of this issue on January 17th.**

For 2017, Total Revenue is budgeted at \$378,259 and is based on 127 giving units pledged and 21 giving units estimated by Stewardship & Finance. These 21 units were based on previous giving over the past two years. With some of our regular givers unsure of what the future holds for Southport, the total amount we can expect to receive from them is unknown for this year. One other change for 2017 is Terri Rogers' move onto the church's pension plan. While this means more money going out of the budget, it also means that Terri is planning to stay with Southport for the long term which is a good thing.

For February, Chris will once again do the monthly status update. This allows us to look at the budget from one month to the next in a summarized format.

Horizon Update:

There will be one service on Sunday, January 22nd, followed by a luncheon. The Horizon Team will reveal the geographic area that is now targeted for Southport's relocation. This is an exciting step in our transition process. Members of the Horizon Team feel that it has had good input from city planners, developers and Hope Partnership. There is a lot of excitement about the area that has been identified.

After Sunday's luncheon, we will begin two new steps in this process. One step is to do an internal inventory evaluation which will be designed to help us identify the type of ministry we will be going forward. This will be a 10 week process where we look at the values identified during the Core Values Assessment completed last Fall. Current leadership teams will be handling the internal ministry questions.

The second step involves identifying specific property options within the identified area. Lyle Headington will be leading a real estate team for this process. Hope Partnership laid out the demographic area and how would that impact younger families coming in. Hope Partnership, city planners and Horizon then selected a geographic area as our target. Lyle's real estate group will start to narrow down specific properties available within that area. We expect to have the next round of information to the congregation in the first week of April.

Eric has been asked by members if there would be visuals of the locations included in the meeting on Sunday. Matt confirmed that there will be a slideshow presentation and other photographic or visual information included in the discussion of the area chosen. Dave urged the Board to assure people that there will be lots of opportunities to get involved as we move forward from this point. People have been asking how they can participate so we need to make sure people understand that we

will soon need everyone to get involved and participate. There will be lots to do, and we don't want people to lose interest due to lack of communication on what is happening.

In planning for our future, Cort raised a concern about this process as it relates to the reduction in pledges that we have experienced. As the Horizon Team does their due diligence, are we looking at projections for the future and how to improve on pledges? Doug indicated that, based on our work with Hope Partnership, there is a report being prepared that will address this issue and show budget projections over a 5 year period. We won't know the exact timing for the release of this report until we get further into the process. We are hoping to have it before the end of April and hopefully before Easter.

Ministry reports:

Oversight: Nothing further to add to the meeting minutes submitted. Linda reported that, as indicated, Oversight continues to discuss the Visitors' Ministry, and they are very excited about it.

Elders: In addition to the meeting minutes submitted, Dave reported that the Elders had a great discussion with representatives of the Stephen Ministers and talked about the connection between the elders and Stephens Ministers.

Senior Minister's Report: Nothing further to add to report that was submitted.

Children & Youth: Shannon reported that the Chi-Rho/CYF youth had a successful youth retreat over the weekend. A lot of the planning for Youth Sunday took place at the retreat. In addition, Shannon and the youth are working with Oversight with the plan for our youth to do this year's Lenten devotional.

Property: Eric reported the following issues that are being addressed:

- There is a problem with the HVAC unit on the East side of the Christian Living Center. The building is broken into different zones for heating and cooling. This section is an older zone that has been turned off. Property feels that it is no longer Southport's responsibility. Jason and Eric have directed Terri to send the issue on to the Chin congregation.
- The water fountain by the office is not working properly. It has been turned down as low as possible, and Eric is waiting to talk with Jason before taking any action. Comments were made that this unit has never worked very well, and sometimes not at all. The situation will be brought up with the Chin congregation. According to Doug, the most successful way to work with the Chin is to say "This is broken. We need to hear from you by a specific date." If we don't hear anything by that deadline, we have the item repaired and send the bill to the Chin. So far, the Chin leaders have not indicated any problem with operating in this manner. Eric's main concern is to be sure that we don't stand in their way of getting things done now that the property belongs to them. We will continue to offer our services as needed in finding contractors and repair companies.

Financial Peace University (FPU) Education: Chris Fultz reported this as indirect education item. On Sunday, January 15, a new session of the Dave Ramsey course began with an enrollment of 24 people. The class is led by Chris and Lisa. In the 24, there are 8 people from the community who have no ties to SCC and 6 who have only loose ties to the congregation. The age span for participants' runs from 23 years of age to someone in their early 60's and newly retired. There are two couples who have been married less than one year. Chris set up enrollment for the class through the Financial Peace website which provides great advertising for the session. Anyone in the area interested in attending FPU can find the SCC session through a geographic search on the web. Chris says the diversity in the group is exciting and leads to great discussions in the class. It also provides another method of sharing our ministry with people outside of Southport Christian Church.

Our next meeting is set for Monday, February 20, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Dave Rohl volunteered to do the opening reflection. Having nothing further to discuss, Bob Shaw gave the closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Kelley, Secretary to the Board

Addendum to 1/16/17 Meeting Minutes in response to questions about funds invested with Church Extension Fund (CEF):

From: Matt Fultz [<mailto:matt.t.fultz@gmail.com>]

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Subject: Re: Board Packet for Monday, January 16 Meeting

Board-

Per a request at last night's meeting from Stewardship and Finance, we contacted Church Extension Fund (CEF) regarding the investment of the proceeds of the building sale. Details are below. In short, Jerry is correct that funds were not moved until 11/7. That was an internal error at CEF, for which we were credited lost interest for October and November (totaling 3,496.21) as part of the 12/31 interest payment on our account. Details are:

- 7/25 + 7/26/16: CEF receives proceeds of 1,681,092.60 into a Demand note @ 0.25% interest (our short term holding vehicle)
- 11/7/16: CEF moves initial balance plus accrued interest of 2,358.89 into Flex Note @ 2.105% interest (total investment = 1,683,451.49)
- 12/31/16: CEF credits Interest payment of 8,705.59: includes interest for 11/7-12/31 (5,209.38), plus interest for roughly 10/1-11/7 (3,496.21)
- 12/31/16 ending balance = 1,692,157.08

We approved the Flex Note vehicle at the September Board meeting. There was some paperwork to move and invest the balance, so the final credited interest is roughly 10/1-11/7. Additionally, there were two small interest rate adjustments on the vehicle itself in November.

We have the formal paperwork from CEF, if anyone wishes further details. I am comfortable that our account is receiving proper interest, and I have informed Elaine of the new balance for our financials.

Best.
Matt F.