

Elder Council Meeting

December 14th, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

Members present: Steve Haugen, Steve Langer, Chuck Olson, Stu Dix

Elder Candidates: Dave Mobley, and Randy Kostroski

Steve H. opened the meeting in prayer thanking God for His daily blessings and asking for His guidance and wisdom for our council, and that we would honor Him as we care for His people.

Pastor Stu led the second devotional in our study the book of Ephesians. Chapter 1 verses 15-23. Paul's intercessory prayer for the believers was discussed. The series of requests Paul made on behalf of us, asks that God really reveal help us understand who we are in Jesus, not just me, but us. We should own our belovedness. Praise God our Father!

OPEN SESSION:

Encouragement/Support for Jared and Brynn at Cumberland church: Peter Bergeson, after visiting the church, emailed Stu and Steve H asking how we can come along side them. We will invite them to come and report to the church on a Sunday and supply a speaker for their church that Sunday. We will give them whatever books they would like from the pastor's office library.

Lead Pastor search update:

- Visit is now planned from January 12th through the morning of the 14th.
- He will not be here on that Sunday.
- He will meet with Gary Harrison from Converge on Thursday for lunch and with the staff after lunch.
- There will be a Breakfast with the Elders and possibly with the lead team on Friday.
- Stu will connect via Zoom or phone after returning from Africa
- We'll discuss potential candidating weekends (Feb 5th or the 19th)
 - o We'll have him preach in the sermon series that is being taught at that time.
 - o 19th is a covenant meeting. Try for that day.
- Steve will follow-up with search team to coordinate the meetings with the lead team and staff.

Prayer event January 7th, 8:00 to 9:30AM

- Elders who are available will lead various prayer topics and provide a scripture transition. Steve L and Randy will not be available.
- Topics:
 - o Our hearts to be receptive. Expectations. Unity.
 - o Our current staff.
 - o Our community.
 - o Our new pastor.
 - o Our new pastor's wife and family.

- o Our new pastor's sending congregation.

Prayers and pictures and potential Directory: – It was suggested that photos of people/families be taken and associated with the prayer that they prayed for him. Perhaps use the photos to create a new church directory. E-version would be good if it could be confined to the church membership (secure access). Easier to update on a regular basis. Try to find a suitable existing software. People could submit their own photos. Church directory would be good for putting faces to names and if it could be kept current.

Pastor search Process: Chuck brought up a question by a member who had a concern about the pastor search process not being in alignment with the church constitution. That a team (other than the elders) for picking the candidate is not appropriate according to Article 15. The concern was that the elders should be the ones to do the search. The concern was addressed by referring to article 7 which states that the Elders can empower and delegate the process to the search team with final approval left to the Elder Council. The lead team should also meet with the candidate and ultimately approve of him. Chuck will respond.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The elders moved into Executive Session to discuss issues relating to personal, confidential matters involving our FCC family.

POTPOURRI:

Reminder: Biblical Eldership Bible study will resume for the elders on Wednesday December 21st. Lesson 6

PRAYER:

The elders closed in conversational prayer for the needs of the church family. This included ongoing prayer for covenant partners and for needs and praises that were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:50 PM.

Humbly submitted,

Randy Kostroski

Elder Council Meeting Scribe