

Elder Council Meeting November 16th, 2022

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

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

Elder Interns: Dave Mobley, and Randy Kostroski

Pastor Stu opened the meeting in prayer for God's Guidance and wisdom for our council to honor Him as we care for His people.

Dave Mobley read Chapter 14 of Zechariah and this final chapter was discussed as an ongoing bible study through the book. God is the final judge. In the end, everything is sacred and holy with no distinction between them. God's temple will once again be holy. Next book study will be Ephesians.

OPEN SESSION:

Elder meeting minutes: Meeting minutes from November 2nd were approved. Chuck agreed to talk to Christa or Nicole and see about getting the page back on the website. Minutes will be published after approval.

FCC mission statement: Dave asked about the staff meeting with Mike Evans. Steve affirmed that Mike did a good job of clarifying and reaffirmed the mission statement. Mike sent a summary that will be published in the next newsletter.

Lead Pastor search update: Steve and Randy updated the council on the progress of the pastor search. References were called. Good cross-section of acquaintances from high school through volunteer ministry, part-time pastoral, full time ministry and community support. A zoom interview is scheduled for the candidate and his wife together. The team is moving forward with this candidate and feel he is a very good prospect. Very valuable discussion ensued about what defines a good pastor.

Updates to the employee manual: Everybody had a last chance to look it over and it was approved.

Elder photos and bios: a reminder for each to get their bios updated or written for the website by the 20th when individual photos for the website and a group photo for the Christmas card will be taken. Baptisms were postponed to allow for further growth opportunities.

Covenant Gathering: Steve will generate the agenda: Chuck will ask Christa to take notes to publish and post meeting minutes to the website. Elder update will include topics to include; Covenant member inductions, lead pastor search team update, building improvements, elder candidacy and have Jason speak about his decision. The agenda was discussed to verify the assignments for various ministry presenters led by the Executive pastor. It was decided that the church would provide chicken.

Other: Randy will lead the dedication prayer for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes on the 20th after the guided prayer.

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 7th. Lesson 5: HUMBLE SERVANTS AND THE CHIEF SHEPARD

Steve will attend the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve service to read scripture

Getting the offices painted was discussed – hired or volunteer?

Having the carpets serviced was also discussed

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 9:00 PM.

Humbly submitted,

Randy Kostroski

Elder Council Meeting Minuteman