

Meeting Agenda

Elder Business Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2015

Location: New Life Church

Mike Joins Via Skype (Pastor Ron's Laptop) From Philadelphia

Pastor Michael joins via Skype from Dallas



5:30 PM – Meeting Begins

1. Prayer – Chet opened in prayer
2. Vacation / PTO Policy – Mike
 - a. Discussion around the 2006 policy – more work to be done.
3. Sabbatical Policy – Mike
 - a. Discussion (see pre-distributed EFCA NPD Recommendations)
 - b. Recommendations / Decision: We will follow what the Northern Plains District of the EFCA has laid out.

Pastor Michael Joins Meeting (*we will call / Skype Michael when ready*)

4. Final Tweaks to Ministry Structure – Pastor Ron
 - a. Pastor Ron gave an update and possibility of adding a 6th Ministry Cluster. Rough Draft still in the works.
 - b. Benevolence – Chet will discuss the possibility of having a couple take charge of this ministry – more details to follow once the meeting has taken place.
5. Vision Retreat, May 9, Joy Ranch – this is set to go. Pastor Michael will be able to join us – Pastor Ron is not planning on joining.
 - a. 8:00 AM – Breakfast & Retreat Begins
 - b. 12:00 PM – Lunch Provided
 - c. 3:00 PM – Retreat Concludes
Pastor Ron has provided some scripture passages and other resource materials to help prepare. Prayer, meditating, etc.
6. Elder Nominations (congregation deadline was May 15 in 2014)
 - a. Mike T will talk with Lezlie and Sherry in the office to work backwards through

the calendar to proceed with elder nominations accordingly. The timing must align to the Annual Business meeting in August.

7. EFCA Northern Plains District Annual Conference, Apr 17 & 18, Mhd, MN
 - a. Delegate Update – Robert – 10 people are attending – we have 5 voting delegates. These will be Pastor Ron, Pastor Michael, and Elder's Dave D, Robert R, and Wayne W.
8. Body Disagreements – Chet – shared his coaching activities with the rest of the elders. We took time to pray for him as he continues ministering.
9. New Members Update
 - a. Matt & Tricia Gerlach application & Elder interview – Dave & Wayne will meet with them on Tuesday 4-14
 - b. Membership class is progressing along. There are currently two sessions running on Wednesday evening and Sunday morning.
10. VBS Update – Tricia Gerlach has volunteered to direct – Sherry will help.
 - a. First Baptist will be partnering with New Life.
11. AWANA awards night
 - a. Elder participation is encouraged to attend.
12. Update from Mark Rodvold – Robert
 - a. Life group meeting held
 - b. Life Groups continue to meet – Approx. 60 people are in a life group.
 - c. Men's ministry leader is needed – praying for God to fill.

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- d. Adult SS –The question has come if women are/should be allowed to lead a SS Class with men. This discussion will be added to the next agenda's. We will look at the policy and see what it says.

13. March Financials – Robert

- a. Giving is going up
- b. Attendance is going up
- c. Under budget on a lot of line items.
- d. Has begun the pre-work of setting up the budget for next year.

14. Next Meetings

- a. Sat, Apr 11 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM - Quarterly Ministry Leaders Meeting
- b. Wed, Apr 22 at 5:30 PM – Monthly Elder Shepherding Meeting – Robert will bring devotions.
- c. *Tue, May 5 at 5:30 PM – Monthly Elder Business Meeting?*
- d. Sat, May 9 from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Vision Retreat at Joy Ranch
- e. *Tue, May 19 at 5:30 PM – Monthly Elder Shepherding Meeting?*

15. Agenda Items for Next Meeting(s)

- a. Agenda for Apr 11 Ministry Council Meeting
- b. Vision Retreat Pre-Work
- c. Children's Church; maybe for business meeting on May 5th? Chet will check with Amy to see if it works for her to visit with the elders at the beginning of the meeting. This is tentative.
- d. Other?

- 16. Close in Prayer – Mike T – Prayed for some special requests for people in the congregation.

8:15 PM – Conclude

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Action Items / Assignments

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