

FELC Ministry Team Minutes

Ministry Team: Support

Meeting Date: Monday, March 16th, 2015

ATTENDEES: Pete Vandenberg, Don Kirby, Dean Haas, Cindi Schwab, Mark Gebert, Steve Uslabar, Mike Koester

Guests:

Not Present: Kay Eggert, Bob Damon, Diane Putzer, Brenda Smongeski, Colny Gretzinger, Keith Lenaburg

Items that may require council action:

- n/a

Items that may require budget/finance coordination:

- n/a

Ministry team minutes:

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm.

Don K. acted as recorder. Dean H. acted as Chairman.

Pete V. offered opening devotions.

Additions to the agenda:

- n/a

Minutes from the February 17th meeting:

All

- approved as reviewed previously, on-line. Motion by Steve, seconded by Pete, approved unanimously

Property Oversight Sub-committee update:

Dean H.

- No update from this team for this month – some small jobs are being lined up
- Steve will make some inquiries regarding potential property tax liabilities for the Ida Street property, and whether it still qualifies as a “parsonage”, with FELC staff living there...

Treasurer’s Report/Financial Update:

Cindi S./Dean H.

- Checkbook balance as of 2/28/15 was down to about \$50,000 +/-.
- Offerings YTD were \$201,000 vs. \$199,000 last year, which would appear to be slightly below goal, when the large amount of pre-paids are factored in
- Dean shared a conversation he had with Pastor Quello regarding potential future properties for Echoes to consider.
- Ida Street house loan was just paid off, in early March, by borrowing funds from the FELC designated funds. YTD about \$2200 in capital appeals fund received, year to date, will now be applied to this internal loan.
- The group had a discussion with Cindi about using the 5-year trend information previously developed for budgeting monthly offerings in 2015. This will be used in future month’s reporting package.

Audit Report update:

Dean H.

- Dean shared that the team will be taking a brief break, due to tax season, and will be picking things up again, the 3rd week in April.

Replacement for Cindi S. bookkeeper:

Brenda S.

- Advertising has already drawn several good applicants for the part-time bookkeeping position. Cindi has sold her house (yay!) and will be around until the end of school year (early June).

Update on potential strategic shifts for Support MT:

Don K./Mark G.

- Don & Mark shared snippets of their learnings from *Inside the Large Congregation*, a book suggested by Pastor Jeff, which the whole council is reading together, and shared some of the areas that council will be looking at in the near future, to determine the best plans for the future of the church, potentially using some of the teachings in this text, as a guide.

Review of Policy & Procedures:

Dean H.

- The team would like to review a few each month, as we began to do last year.
- Dean will submit a list to Brenda for her to add to the Support Ministry Team agenda each month.

Devotions for 2015 schedule: January - Brenda, February – Pete (sub), March – Pete, April – Dean, May – Steve, June – Diane, July – Don, August – Bob, September – Mark, October – Keith, November – Mike, December - Colny

Meeting adjourned: 7:56 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 21st @ 6:45 pm: Room 110 D.S.

Respectfully submitted by: Don Kirby