

Minutes of the Leadership Council Meeting September 21, 2014 - 6:30pm

Present: Pastors Matt; Dave; Jeff and Lloyd. Leona Andersen; Gary Clow
Sandra Clow; Tanya McLaren; June Hunt

Pastor Matt opened the meeting with a devotional from Lamentations - a fun way to start the new ministry year! His choice becomes extremely relevant, however, when we consider the decline of the Christian church in western society today. If we replace the word 'city' (v.1) with 'church', the reality becomes even more poignant. Moving to the final verse of the chapter, we find the author pleading with God to deal with the wickedness of the people, but then becoming tentative – *"my groans are many and my heart is faint"* – wondering if they may have sinned beyond God's willingness to forgive!

In re-connecting following the summer break, members enjoyed sharing highlights and then a time of prayer around personal and ministry matters.

Ministry-go-Round

Children's Ministries

Pastor Dave expressed our need for more volunteers for the Toddler Room ministry on Sunday mornings, and additional staff for HangTime if we are to continue with this after-school ministry to neighbourhood children on Thursdays. We currently have 30+ children registered and the need for more leaders is crucial. Some changes are underway with Sunday morning U-Turn ministry to children in Grades 1-6. Three or four new families with several children each were in church today.

Ushers

Leona has a great group of people faithfully serving each week, and everything is going well.

Women's Ministry

Sandra spoke on the proposed Ladies Bible Study to begin in October, a video series with Beth Moore and Kay Arthur, *"Faithful, Abundant and True"*.

Kitchen coordination is a bit of a puzzle. Who is responsible for what?

Missions

Gary expanded on the Soup and Buns Fundraiser coming up October 5. The Missions Board has a list of several people in our church who are involved in some way in community organisations or groups, and one of these people will be asked to speak on their experience of ministry opportunities through these endeavours.

We would like an update on what's happening at *One Life One Chance*, and Pastor Jeff will contact Rob Wahl. Pastors Matt and Jeff will coordinate in presenting a report at the October 5 event.

Bridgeworks

Pastor Lloyd reported that more people are getting involved in being a part of this 'caring' ministry.

Renovations

Wes has made us aware of a problem with the roof on the East side of the building, which will need immediate attention. He has contacted a roofer who can do a 'patch' job that will hold up for a year or so at a cost of approximately \$200. There are many things in need of maintenance around the building, which will be discussed further.

Youth

Pastor Jeff notified the board of the upcoming Adventure Trip, planned for Spring Break. Jeff completes his Life-Coaching course this week and has found it most beneficial. He is finding that storytelling is an excellent tool - when youth are struggling with issues they find it easier to open up about their concerns.

Additional leaders this year are Amanda Jordan and Melissa Lucy. Ellie is at University in Kelowna, and so we praise God for these two young women who have stepped forward, joining Rachel Hills, to work with the girls. There is a need for a mature woman to be a resource person to help hurting youth (girls).

College and Career

Last year was an exceedingly good year for the College and Career group which met every Sunday evening during the ministry year and enjoyed events together throughout the summer. It's a little slower getting off the ground this year, but we also have people from other churches joining the group.

Finance

June expanded on the cash flow crisis that occurred a month or so ago, and also on the additional means of contribution that is available to our members, i.e, Interac e-Transfer. This last matter needs to be addressed verbally as many people are unaware of its availability and/or the process.

Tanya presented the statements of our current fiscal situation, pointing out that our financial status is very healthy, in that we are just a couple of weeks behind in budget giving; also, we have only 3 more mortgage payments to make on the property!

Pastors Report

Pastor Matt gave an outline of how the pastors are addressing what we can do at CBC to try to minimise the effect of waning interest in Christianity in our society – and for attendance in our church specifically. What steps do we need to take to reverse the trend? The pastors are reading four books which address some of the issues: Change your Church or Die; Why Nobody Wants to go to Church Anymore; Pull: Making your Church Magnetic; Helping Congregations Back into the Game of Effective Ministry.

The Pastors Board will make their report public for discussion sometime in January, maybe with a Town Hall meeting.

Pastor Matt shared with the Leadership Council that Grace Wiebe has resigned her secretarial position as of November 1; the pastors will draw up a job description for the position.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 9:15pm

Respectfully submitted

June Hunt, Recording Secretary for the Leadership Council