

Minutes of the Leadership Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 4, 2016
9:15am

Present: Pastors Matt, Dave, Jeff, Lloyd; Gary Clow; Sandra Clow; June Hunt

Devotional: Jesus' parable of the Shrewd Manager (**Luke 16**) has almost hedonistic overtones and is a very difficult passage to unravel in order to get at what Jesus was teaching his disciples. Pastor Matt noted that rabbinical teaching (verse 9) was that money belonging to the gentiles could be stolen and used for God's purposes since gentiles were doomed anyway. The Pharisees who heard all that Jesus was saying were convinced that he was wrong, and Jesus' response to them was that, whatever is highly valued among men (the Pharisees loved money) is detestable to God.

In a good discussion, one suggestion was that shrewd manager would automatically benefit if his motive was to protect his master. In the end, when anything becomes as important as God, it becomes a 'god', and we must deal with it, whether it is security, pleasure, control...or? Anything that has higher value to us than God, he finds detestable.

Ministry-Go-Round

Members shared updates on ministry and personal items.

Pastor Jeff reported that a College and Career aged young man accepted the Lord. Jeff will be looking into re-starting the College and Career group, now that we have a couple more people in that age range.

Prayer was requested for: inspiring speakers at the May Youth Camp; staff volunteers for Summer Camp
A time of prayer followed.

Business

Finance

June presented the Financial Status Report, a very healthy picture of faithful and consistent giving where we see budget income almost matching budget.

Government

- * Plan to Protect program: it was decided, based on a Privacy Commissioner report, to not make a PDF version of the new Church Directory available for public use.
- * New BC Societies Act effective November 2016: Constitutional changes will be required whereby only the name and purpose of the Society would appear; 'unalterable clauses' will not be allowed. Everything else will be outlined in the by-laws or policies of the Society. The Leadership Council will review these documents, subsequently implementing the required changes.

Church Future

Pastor Matt presented the current status of the potential land purchase at UFV, along with architects' drawings, and comments and questions were addressed. The Task Force will notify the Pastors Board of their findings regarding renovation of our current building, and subsequently a Congregational Meeting will be called early in June to discuss all these findings.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 11:50am.

Respectfully submitted

June Hunt

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