

Minutes of the Leadership Council Meeting October 20, 2013 – 6:30pm

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

Devotional: Hebrews 12:18-28 is a writing style Paul used in reconciling the Old and New Testament understanding of God. He is reminding Christians that we have a new model today. It's a change of relationship – a different picture of God because we have more information, i.e., Jesus' sacrifice. He is the fulfillment of many of the 'objects' of the Old Testament – and we no longer need to use those objects. We tend to hang on to the past because it's what we know, and have processed the information; tomorrow is a mystery so we don't think about it as much! Paul closes with the fact that our kingdom never ends, and thus we should not be shaken.

Ministry-Go-Round

Pastor Jeff informed us that he had invited Heinz and Emilie to speak with the youth, and they found it to be a great experience! The youth were inspired by them. Small group times are proving to be very effective. A Mexico mission trip is planned if there is sufficient interest, so we should pray as we await responses. Jeff noted that a few of our men are joining with a bit larger group to go to Mexico in November.

Pastor Lloyd is encouraged by the numbers of people attending Small Groups. Lloyd reported that Steve Partington will have surgery November 1.

Pastor Dave reported that HangTime is up and running – literally - an extremely high energy group this year! Ministry staff is finding that the new U-Turn structure works better. A Date Night for married people is planned for November 23, with follow-up programs in February and April, after which the program will be evaluated regarding its continuation.

Sandra noted that 25 ladies are participating in the Video Series, "Daniel"; the Christmas Sock campaign for Ruth and Naomi's Mission is being promoted.

Gary stated that the Conference Centre and Dormitory Building at *One Life One Chance* (Mexico) are being upgraded. Lyndell Campbell will be here January 19.

Leona was pleased to report that 36 people are signed up for the Seniors Event upcoming on Tuesday.

Tanya – Owen is really excited at his inclusion as a member of the Mexico Mission team and is praying that there is sufficient interest for the trip to take place.

Pastor Matt requested prayer for the Chambers family in their desperately tragic situation through Rob's rapidly declining health.

A time of prayer and praise followed for these and personal prayer items.

Business

Finance

Tanya presented the monthly financial status, along with a reminder that we are beginning preparation of the 2014 Budget to be discussed at the Budget Meeting next month, and a request to submit budget requests. The date for the meeting will be announced.

Pastor Matt reported on the proposed re-structure of general office hours to ensure maximum efficiency as follows: The office will now be closed on Monday and Tuesday; Wednesday to Friday hours will be 9:00am to 4:00pm (formerly 5:00pm).

June added that looking ahead to next summer, and with the intent of maintaining efficiency and good financial stewardship, we might consider closing the general office for the entire month of August. July is a busy month because of Summer Camp and the office must be open at least for the duration of camp. Following discussion, it was suggested that an expanded monthly calendar for each of those months might suffice in place of a weekly bulletin. A decision will be made in due course.

B.C. Association

Pastor Matt reported on various matters, one of which is the concern for an effective way to reach people with the Gospel. Our church-planting record over the past 20 years has been poor, with Walnut Grove now struggling to stay alive, and the resignation of the pastors at New Beginnings. There is much prayer, study and discussion at the Executive level to try to determine how best to proceed in finding an effective way to promote the Gospel in our communities.

Pastor Matt closed in prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted
June Hunt, Recording Secretary
Leadership Council