

Minutes of the Leadership Council Meeting

October 26, 2014 – 6:30pm

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

Galatians Chapter 3 is an example of Paul's 'circle' writing style, explaining *Grace* and *Law* to those who were obviously having trouble with sorting out how promises could still be valid when given before the advent of the Law. Theology shouldn't confuse us – when we live for God, it simply explains our actions. However, we live in a generation of people to whom the facts don't really matter; feelings are the motivating factor to decide whether 'theology' (truth; fact) is relevant to them or their situation.

MINISTRY-GO-ROUND

- **Pastor Dave** reported that HangTime actually started! Having a very small volunteer base, a crisis meeting of HangTime staff was called to decide whether we could continue to offer this program. A day or so before the meeting took place, two more people volunteered their services!
Dave also gave an explanation of the changes in the structure of U-Turn on Sunday mornings, which makes for a freer, more relational time for staff and children.
- **Tanya** will begin to prepare for the congregational budget meeting by fine-tuning her reporting to accommodate a member's request at this year's congregational budget meeting.
- **Sandra** noted that Gary is in Cuba at present.
15 ladies attended the first session of the ladies Bible study and a couple more are registered. The 12 sessions will be divided by showing the video presentations and having a talk session alternately each week.
Christy is doing well.
- **Pastor Lloyd** updated us on the circumstances and health concerns of some of our senior members.
- **Pastor Jeff** noted that it is quite a small group of youth interested in the *Rock and Water* trip at Spring break. He may need to revise his plans and offer something different.
College and Career will not meet on Sunday evenings for now, but he has contact with all of them in other arenas.
On Sunday mornings, Jeff is teaching the Bible in 12 story-style segments, which seems to be opening up some interesting question periods.
A leaders (guys) retreat is planned for November.

A time of prayer followed for these items, and shared personal matters.

BUSINESS

Finance

Tanya gave an overview of our financial status, 2-3 weeks behind in budget, reflected by being late on NAB Missionary contributions and staff RRSPs, but otherwise in good shape. June will produce an MTM to inform the congregation of the need to meet budget. We'll then begin a *drive for budget* mid-November.

Other

Grace Wiebe tendered her resignation as Church Clerk; this will be reported in the bulletin.

Secretarial Position

Cornie and Grace recently moved to Abbotsford, and therefore Grace has resigned from her position as church secretary. During discussion and in consideration of the future interests of the church, where we would like to see our web-site and social media use given more priority, it was suggested that instead of hiring a part-time secretary to take

on Grace's duties that we make the office position a one-person, full-time (Tuesday-Friday) secretarial post, if someone is interested. June would continue to work in the office to facilitate a seamless integration of a new person, phasing out her own duties as and when she wished. A brief notice of an upcoming office position will be printed in the bulletin.

ON MOTION IT WAS RESOLVED: (Tanya/Sandra) to purchase a restaurant gift card (\$75) and a Visa card (\$50) for Cornie and Grace in appreciation of their years of service with us. Carried.

Due to the lateness of the hour, it was decided to table: a report on renovation issues with the building; the Pastors' report.

Next meetings:	Leadership Council Meeting	November 23 – 6:00pm
	Leadership Council Budget Meeting	January 11, 2015 – 5:30pm (includes dinner)

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted
June Hunt, Recording Secretary
Leadership Council