

Minutes of the Leadership Council Meeting

Sunday, October 30, 2016 – 6:30pm

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

Pastor Matt is currently preaching on the topic of “*Doubt*” and raised the question, “How do you respond when doubt enters *your* life?” In Luke 7:18-23, we see that even John the Baptist sent disciples to Jesus to ask if he were “the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?” Jesus responds by telling them to return to John and remind him of all that He had done. It’s good if we, when doubt comes in, go back and recall the many instances of God’s intervention, protection, guidance, etc. in our lives, and in these tangibles to find assurance.

A time of sharing and prayer for personal needs followed.

Business

UFV Land – Pastor Matt is meeting with Larry and Mac on Tuesday. He will bring an update following that meeting and share the situation with the congregation on Sunday.

Finances

Tanya presented the current Financial Status, drawing attention to the fact that we are in a tight cash flow situation. Tanya and June recommended that we immediately begin a Drive for Budget. The recommendation was approved.

Pastor Matt’s Report

Membership Class: A dozen or so people attended the class and interested persons were directed to speak with Pastor Lloyd regarding membership/baptism.

New Societies Act: All charitable organisations are being directed by the government to standardise their Constitution, the transition to begin November 2016 and implemented by November 2018. In light of the fact that people want to come into membership, the timing is opportune and Pastor Matt has re-drawn a document, *The Chilliwack Baptist Membership Agreement*, which eliminates the legalism frequently found in church documents. A potential new member would be requested to verbally agree with the points outlined there. Copies of the agreement were distributed and some discussion took place. To give members more time to review the content, it will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Upcoming Service and Meeting Dates:

Baptism Service, Sunday morning, December 11

Christmas Morning Service at 11:15am

New Year’s Day Communion Service at 11:00am

2017 Budget Preparation Meeting, January 11 at Noon

Congregational 2017 Budget Meeting, January 29 at 6:30pm

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 9:15pm

Respectfully submitted

June Hunt, Recording Secretary

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