

Minutes of the Leadership Council Meeting Sunday, September 18, 2016, 6:30pm

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

Study: Mark 5:40-43: Jesus raised Jairus' daughter from death, and then gave strict orders to the disciples accompanying him not to tell anyone about it. When Jesus released the demon-possessed man, he told him to go and tell everyone about it. Why this contradiction? Using reverse psychology was typical of many of Jesus' stories; in this case, one of the miracles took place in a Gentile area, the other in a Jewish area, and in part Jesus' focus was an attempt to slow down the impact of the miracles to prolong his limited time of service, that he wouldn't be stopped in his goal to reach the Jews. (A time management theory.)
In today's world, this devotional might be entitled "Adjust to the Situation"; "When or When not to Speak"; "Take Time". In other words, let God be God without always expecting a miracle.

MINISTRY-GO-ROUND

Members shared their experiences of the summer, ministry goals and personal prayer requests.

Youth - Pastor Jeff reported on his plan to have a Youth leader's weekend away in a couple of weeks' time. Leaders this year are Lorne McLaren; Lisa Hill; Brenden Hills; Ryan Gienger; Brynn Witt.

Children – Pastor Dave expressed his appreciation that volunteer team members have all returned for the new ministry year.

Mission Trip Plans are finalised and the team will build the house, serve at the garbage dump, lead the Sunday service, spend time interacting with the family and neighbourhood families.

Senior - Pastor Lloyd noted that two more people have joined the Bridgeworks team to take over Mary Doll's list. A couple of people are interested in organizing some events for seniors.

Women's Ministries – Sandra reported that she and Pamela are investigating materials for a 6-week Bible Study. Dina Chambers is considering arranging a Beth Moore Simulcast, but nothing is finalised.

Pastor Matt

Appreciation – Pastor Matt thanked the pastors and others who stepped in to preach, and cover other essential duties over the summer months, during his surgeries and recovery time.

Leadership Council – Pastor Matt feels it is time to expand on ministry positions to create a broader base for the Leadership Council. He asked for prayer in this matter, as there is a general unwillingness in people to be part of the Board.

New Project - Receiving congregational approval to go ahead with the land purchase at Yale and Airport, Pastor Matt will approach members of the Renovation Committee to determine their willingness to be part of a Building Committee.

A time of prayer followed for these ministry needs and personal requests.

BUSINESS

UPDATES ON THE NEW PROJECT

- * a parking variance is called for;
- * costs to build will be much higher than anticipated, closer to \$2 Million;
- * we will be required to build at code, should we not build a walkway for access by Cascade School. Code requires building above the flood plain, approximately 6' higher than the current level;
- * frontage will be on Yale, a more desirable piece of property to re-sell, should we be unable to proceed with our building plans

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June and Tanya presented the current financial status, noting that cash flow is really tight, due to the upcoming missions trip, though we are only 3.5 weeks behind on budget.

ON MOTION IT WAS RESOLVED: (Pastor Lloyd/Sandra Clow) that effective immediately, we are setting up a Building Fund. Carried. A notice will be printed in the bulletin that people may begin to give towards this fund.

ON MOTION IT WAS RESOLVED: (Gary Clow/Tanya McLaren) that we set up a Building Committee of between 4-8 people. Carried. The Renovations Committee will be approached first.

MISSIONS

Ron and Sherry Krestinski have moved away from Chilliwack, and as supported missionaries, Gary requested input and suggestions from the Leadership Council regarding how the Missions Committee might handle this situation.

Pastor Matt closed with prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully submitted
June Hunt, Recording Secretary
Leadership Council