

Church of the Redeemer
Council of Elders Meeting Agenda
November 14, 2011

Elders Present: Mark Deering, Thomas McKenzie, Pat Shepard, Linda Thoel, Pat Hicks, Debbie Taylor, Becky Stubbs, David Uskavitch, John Van Hooydonk

Others Present: Linda Shepherd, Jenna Martin, Kyle Williams.

I. Opening Prayers

- a. Jenna Martin led the Elders in Prayer

II. Review and approval of October Minutes

- a. Several clarifications were made to the September Minutes so that “The motion passed” was listed at the end of each motion, rather than below it as a subsequent line.
 - i. As these were originally corrections noted in the October meeting, the changes were clarified in section III of the October Minutes.
- b. IV, b was changed to read: “Linda made a correction to the ‘Principal Paid’ line item to show that a months mortgage payment had been made. Booked the mortgage payment to the P&L statement but the payment had not been made as of the time of her report
- c. “music admin related” was added to IV, d.
- d. ‘December’ was changed to ‘September’ in V, c, i.
- e. V, c, vi was removed.
- f. Several grammatical corrections were made.
- g. A motion was made and passed to accept the October Minutes.

III. Treasurer’s Report (Deferred until December meeting)

- a. There will be two months of Treasurer’s reports during the December meeting.

IV. Staff Reports

a. Susan Kimbro

- i. Susan was absent at this Elders Meeting but emailed her report for the month to Thomas.

b. Jenna Martin

- i. Shared a story with the Elders illustrating how a wedding party that recently used the COTR facilities for their service and reception thoroughly appreciated, respected, and revered the space they were able to use.
- ii. The sound renovation in the sanctuary began today.
 - 1. Some wiring for side relay speakers was done today
 - 2. The main speaker and amplifier are being installed tomorrow
 - 3. On Wednesday the specialists at Spectrum will come and tune the system – or – personalize the sound to our sanctuary.
 - 4. On Thursday acoustic panels should arrive and be installed.

- 5. On Thursday evening musicians will meet with Spectrum staff for some training on how to use the new system.
- 6. Jenna will wait until January to get the keyboard to allow some time for them to learn the system.
- 7. This Sunday, the new system should be about 95% complete.
- iii. On Sunday December 11, 2011 the choir will be performing at church
- iv. Scheduling music for the holiday season including a service on Tuesday 22nd thanksgiving service
- v. Pastorally: Got to visit with John Duggan and M.E. Seckman and was able to pray and worship with them
- c. Danny
 - i. Wednesday will be last youth group until Wednesday
 - ii. Purchased books to give his volunteers and had they youth sign them
 - iii. He will be canceling Sunday school during advent for the youth in attempt to encourage them to worship with their families.
 - iv. The youth group is going well, and is sensing a need for community amidst young adults that he hopes to better address in the near future.
 - v. Doing pre-marital counseling and is being seen in more of a pastoral role by the congregation as they are looking to make pastoral appointments with him.
 - vi. Passed his ordination exams – which have been at the forefront of his mind for sometime.

V. Pastor's Report

- a. Danny's deaconate ordination date is November 30, 2011
 - i. This will be an expedited ordination so that he can receive his priestly ordination by summer. As neither bishop could come to Nashville to fit this timeline during advent, they decided to drive to Atlanta. ACNA Bishop Foley Beach will be doing this at his church in Atlanta.
 - ii. Thomas would let the Elders know the specifics of the ordination as they became clear.
- b. Jenna will be taking her ordination exams in a few months and has all the other requirements completed.
- c. All day Thursday Thomas will be in meetings with the network regarding Tom Russell's ordination.
- d. Has visited John Duggan who is in good spirits
- e. Has been visiting M.E. close to everyday. Tumors have completely blocked one of her lungs. Began taking a new medicine that has allowed her oxygen levels to go up, but she is having other adverse reactions to the medicine and was in considerable pain.
 - i. Thomas noted that God has done miracles in the past within this congregation.
 - ii. Thomas suggested that the Elders visit M.E. and Tom if available at the oncology center on the 4th floor of the Williamson County Medical Center
- f. David Baldwin's surgery reportedly went well

- g. A Sudanese woman, who sometimes attends Redeemer, has asked Joyce Shepard if she can use our facilities to host a party for her father who will be returning to Sudan. Thomas stated that if this were to happen, he would need the congregation to come and volunteer at the event because there will be what he estimates to be 200 people there. In addition, the event will be on Sudanese independence day, January 1st.
- h. Thomas Went to an AMIA meeting in South Carolina
 - i. Thomas spoke to the Elders about an impending restructuring of the AMIA.
 - i. Thomas led the Elders in a discussion of the first third of Eugene Peterson's *The Pastor*.

VI. Old Business

- a. A discussion was had between the Elders regarding Justin Hogg's request to the Elders to support the church plant he is joining in San Antonio.
- b. Pat Shepard made a motion to give Justin Hogg \$10,000 from the Church Plant Fund along with the \$3,000 anonymous donation, and any other designated support that may emerge from the congregation. John VanHooydonk seconded. The motion passed.
 - i. The Elders discussed making Justin's need public so that others from the congregation could contribute.

VII. New Business

- a. Pat Shepard asked if Thomas thought the church should better promote the upcoming Winter Conference in Houston.
 - i. Thomas told the Elders he would request some additional promotional material to better spread the word.
- b. Debbie Taylor asked when the Elders would meet to discuss Thomas' potential sabbatical.
 - i. No date was decided upon.
- c. Thomas confirmed with the Elders that the Elders Christmas party would be held on December 7, 2011 at Steve and Debbie Taylor's.
 - i. Debbie volunteered to make the dinner instead of doing a potluck and asked the Elders to contribute \$10 per person to cover the cost.
- d. Thomas let the Elders know that he is looking for volunteers to lead morning prayer Monday-Friday throughout the Advent season as well as Wednesday at noon for Eucharist.

VIII. Adjourn (Mission and Outreach Committee and Finance Committee reports for December Meeting)

IX. Next Meeting December 19, 2011