

Church of the Redeemer
Council of Elders Meeting
July 26, 2010

Elders Present: Linda Thoel, Thomas McKenzie, Scooter Lee, Molly Nicholas, Patrick Carr, John Van Hooydonk, Mary Brown, Mark Deering, David Uskavitch.

Others Present: Jenna Martin, Kyle Williams, Linda Shepherd

I. Opening Prayer

II. Approval of June Minutes

- a. "The COE asked the finance committee to review the YTD financial statements and the proposal from St. John's and to provide a recommendation on the proposed funding for St. John's." was added to New Business

III. Staff Reports

- a. Jenna Martin
 - i. Musician summer schedule is going relatively smoothly, in the midst of many musicians having summer vacation plans.
 - ii. Has been planning for the fall, including a time of fellowship for the church's musicians.
 - iii. Working with Thomas on a service involving Benedictine chants
 - iv. Meeting with Kenny, to see how she can help resource St. John's music.

IV. Flood Relief Update

- a. Bruce Colville has gotten everyone on the road to recovery, so his contract with the church will be ending.
 - i. There will be a need for follow up work from volunteers in the future.

V. Pastor's Report

- a. Thomas responded to many newcomers' emails and noted that the church has been seeing a lot of new visitors.
- b. Praying for the new financial stress on the church of losing members to St. John's as well as taking on Danny Bryant as staff.
- c. Danny Bryant begins on August 1st, and is taking the youth on a trip to Cincinnati.
- d. Has been having good talks with Kenny about St. John's, and they hope to have public worship services soon after Labor Day.
- e. Thomas is planning on attending St. John's first service and encouraged the elders to attend the first few Sundays.
- f. A newcomers' class is in the works.
- g. Starting a new sermon series about Jonah, and is loosely based on the theme of the Jesus Story Year.

VI. Treasurer's Report

	June 2010	YTD
Tithe	34,381.34	245,591.78
Over/(Under) Budget	(15,068.66)	(51,108.22)
Ordinary Expenses	44,775.51	284,785.35
Over/(Under) Budget	(3,520.29)	(4,989.43)
Net Ordinary Income	(10,394.17)	(39,193.59)

Bank Account Balances as of End of June 2010

Cedarstone Bank- General Operations	\$ 21,837.59
Cedarstone Bank- Reserve Account	\$ 74,871.49
Schwab- First Fruits	\$ 54,894.21
<u>Pastor's Discretionary</u>	<u>\$ 2,380.17</u>
Total in all accounts	\$ 153,983.46

- Giving was down in June, and warned that July is usually one of the worst months for giving because of parish members traveling.
- Weekly attendance numbers are approximates because of two services not being counted.
- A discussion was had, postulating why giving has dropped off since March.
- \$710 COE expense was for Bruce Colville.
- A motion was made and approved to approve the treasurer's report.

VII. Old Business

- a. Finance Committee's Recommendation re St. John's Donation
 - i. Mark Deering spoke on behalf of the Finance Committee.
 1. A summary was passed out of The Finance Committee's discussion.
 - ii. A long and prayerful discussion was had involving the feasibility of COTR meeting the financial proposal given by St. John's.
 1. Many proposals were considered and discussed.
 2. A motion was made to give St. John's \$5,000 a month for 6 months. The motion was denied.
 3. A motion was made and unanimously approved to give St. John's a one-time gift of \$30,000.
- b. Real Estate Donation - The Council of Elders decided that Scooter would have a discussion with the donor.
- c. A proposal was made and approved to continue to defer the \$7,000 cost of sealing and striping the parking lot.

VIII. New Business

- a. Discussion of Reserve Requirements
 - i. Scooter and Mark planned on meeting together at a later date to discuss forming a policy for Reserve Requirements.

- b. Facility Use Amendment
 - i. A motion was made and approved to accept the following amendments to the Wedding Guidelines document made by Pat Shepard:
 - 1. "Outdoor receptions may be held under a tent erected in the grass adjacent to, but not on, the overflow parking area. Tent stakes must not be driven into the parking material. A tent may be erected on the paved parking area, as long as no stakes are driven into the asphalt."
 - 2. "Out of respect for our neighbors, outdoor receptions must end no later than 10:00pm."

- c. Cell Group & Supper Club Formation(s) in September
 - i. Thomas will be starting a cell group incubator on Wednesday nights, through which new cell groups will be formed.
 - ii. Sign ups for supper clubs will begin in August.

- d. Church of the Redeemer will be hosting The Rabbit Room conference, August 6-8. All attendees have been invited to church on that Sunday, so we are expecting full services.

IX. Meeting Adjourned

X. Next Meeting: Monday, August 23, 2010