

**Church of the Redeemer**  
**Council of Elders Meeting**  
**May 17, 2010**

**Elders Present:** Mary Brown, Patrick Carr, Scooter Lee, Thomas McKenzie, Molly Nicholas, Pat Shepard, Linda Thoel, David Uskavitch

**Others Present:** Kenny Benge, Susan Kimbro, Jenna Martin, Linda Shepherd

**I. Opening Prayer**

**II. Approval of Minutes (April 2010)**

- A. Section VII, Finance Committee section, point (i), change "Finance Committee's Policy" to "Finance Committee Policy."
- B. Under New Business, delete point (a) about approving the financial report, as it was already mentioned in the Treasurer's Report section.

**III. Staff Reports**

- A. Kenny Benge/Franklin Church Plant Update
  - 1. Thomas wrote a great letter about the start of St. John's Anglican Church, which was distributed to Church of the Redeemer by email and was offered in hard copy during Sunday services.
  - 2. There will be an informational meeting, open to anyone who's interested, in the afternoon on Sunday, May 23 at Merridee's in Franklin.
  - 3. The strategic planning committee is drafting bylaws and has drafted a very preliminary budget.
  - 4. Kenny has been networking and meeting with lots of people. They are putting together a transitional leadership team.
  - 5. They will probably have 3 or 4 cookouts over the summer to get connected with people who are interested in the new church.
  - 6. Kenny requested prayer about the tension he's anticipating between expectations of quality in certain ministry areas vs. the ability to fund positions at the beginning.
- B. Susan Kimbro
  - 1. In the course of having conversations with Kenny to help him think through some areas at the new church, she has been reflecting on our children's ministry vision.
  - 2. In her own work here, she has branched out more into family/parent ministry. She is concerned that there is no current central pastoral oversight for women's ministries.
  - 3. Vacation Bible School is a month away.
  - 4. She is making plans for a children's/family concert here in June with Randall Goodgame.
  - 5. There are two families with new babies (Bryants and Goins) and two more on the way.

### C. Jenna

1. Jenna wasn't here at the April meeting, so she told some stories from Holy Week and Easter, and shared several praise reports.
2. In January, she started a Masters program in Worship studies, and will be starting her second semester in June.
3. The Jesus Story Year is winding down and it's been great to work on music for that.
4. The Bishop is coming and Andy and Jill Gullahorn will be participating in music for that service.
5. With funds that were approved in March, she purchased a speaker for the narthex and two more hard of hearing receivers. Unfortunately, now a few of the old receivers are not working.
6. She had an informal gathering at the Taproom with musician volunteers last week and had a good time of fellowship.
7. She has been helping Kenny with music licensing, copyright info, and a music library.

### IV. Flood Relief Update

- A. 13 families in our congregation were strongly affected by the flood. 7 of the 13 homes were completely devastated. We are now out of the emergency phase, but we are not finished.
- B. Two volunteers, Chris Crimmins and Bruce Colville, have helped Thomas tremendously over the past couple of weeks. Without them he would not have known what to do.
- C. Bruce Colville has a lot of experience with disaster relief. Thomas proposes that we hire Bruce part-time, for a three month period (possibly to be extended), as flood relief coordinator. Thomas handed out a proposed job description and responsibilities.

### V. Pastor's Report

- A. Bishop Johnston will be here for an ordination service on Monday, May 24 at 6:30 p.m. Confirmations will be done in the chapel at 5:45 p.m.
- B. Thomas went a conference for our AMiA network in South Carolina a few weeks ago. The Living Waters Network is dividing up into smaller networks. We are now in the MidSouth Network, with Chris Cairns as the network leader. T.J. Johnston will still be our bishop, but he is focusing primarily on his church in South Carolina and on his mission to Haiti. Our direct oversight will be with Chris in Knoxville.
- C. The AMiA is applying for partner status with the ACNA. All of the other groups in the ACNA (e.g CANA) are folding into the ACNA, but the AMiA does not want to. It seeks to be a separate missionary organization directly under the Province of Rwanda.

## VI. Treasurer's Report

	April 2010	YTD
Tithe	39,706.86	169,568.51
Over/(Under) Budget	(9,743.14)	(28,231.49)
Ordinary Expenses	46,162.97	197,573.59
Over/(Under) Budget	(2,132.83)	4,390.39
Net Ordinary Income	(6,456.11)	(28,005.08)

### Bank Account Balances as of End of April 2010

Cedarstone Bank- General Operations	\$ 25,397.57
Cedarstone Bank- Reserve Account	\$ 74,777.74
Schwab- First Fruits	\$ 56,601.50
<u>Pastor's Discretionary</u>	<u>\$ 2,032.98</u>
Total in all accounts	\$ 158,809.79

- A. The attendance number on the financial summary report is now accurate, so Barbara should be able to send out the weekly attendance and giving reports again soon.
- B. We expended the annual budget for several categories early in the year, which is contributing in part to the deficit at this point in time.
- C. The invoices from Family Care Connection for nursery workers had built up for a few months because of a fax machine problem and we were recently notified about it, so that is why Line 6260 – Nursery Workers is higher than budgeted for the month.
- D. A motion was made and approved to adopt the financial report for April 2010.

## VII. Old Business

### A. Finance Committee

1. A motion was made and approved to adopt the Finance Committee policy that Pat Shepard distributed in last month's meeting.

### B. Review of reserves spent year to date and remaining balance

1. Linda reviewed the 2009 Funds over Budget, going through the total cash on hand at the end of December, and subtracting the designated funds and the reserve requirements, which left \$67,414.28 available for allocation after 12/31/09. Out of that total, \$18,555.30 was allocated in 2010 so far for World Vision giving to Haiti, sound system improvements, and parking lot projects, which left \$49,158.98. Note that due to the deficit in the first part of this year, the current level of available funds is closer to \$21,000, though.

## VIII. Executive Session

A motion was made and approved to authorize Pat Shepard to speak with Bruce Colville about doing an assessment of families with home damage from the flood, offering him an amount not to exceed \$500 for this initial work.

**IX. Adjourn**

**X. Next Meeting June 21, 2010 6:30 p.m.**