

# Church of the Redeemer

## Council of Elders Meeting October 18, 2010

**Elders Present:** Mary Brown, Patrick Carr, Mark Deering, Thomas McKenzie, Molly Nicholas, Pat Shepard, Linda Thoel, John Van Hooydonk, David Uskavitch

**Others Present:** Danny Bryant, Susan Kimbro, Jenna Martin, Linda Shepherd

### I. Opening Prayer

### II. Approval of Minutes

#### A. August 2010

1. Section VI, C: Clarify “property management issue” – change it to “related to the issue of the property someone wanted to donate.”

#### B. September 2010

1. Section V, b: add verbiage about our giving being based on actual income
2. Section III, i: Change “exciting” to “excited”
3. Section VII, ii: “planning” should be “zoning”

### III. Staff Reports

#### a. Susan Kimbro

- i. We’ve had wonderful Sunday school teachers this fall. The new teachers are doing a great job, and thankfully we’ve had enough teachers.
- ii. The children are going to start getting involved with the food pantry. They’ll be assigned one item to bring in for the month.
- iii. Daughters of the Holy Cross have offered to help with the FAM Christmas tree project.
- iv. There will be a family game night on November 7.
- v. Susan’s office is being painted.

#### b. Jenna Martin

- i. Jenna just scheduled musicians through November and is thrilled about that.
- ii. Almost 30 people have signed up for choir so far.
- iii. Jenna has been very involved with Thomas in preparing for the retreat coming up this weekend at The Hiding Place.
- iv. A few months ago Jenna mentioned that someone wanted to make a donation to help with fixing up the sacristy/sound closet. The room has been painted, with about \$350 spent so far. Jenna also got a quote for cabinets and has been praying that God would provide the funds for this project.
- v. The Gate is a church who met in Redeemer’s building for a while several years ago. They now have a new property and Jenna recently went to their dedication. At the service they spoke about

how Redeemer made a way for them and presented Jenna with a letter of thanks and a gift for Redeemer of \$1,000.

- vi. Jenna gave the check to the elders to decide how to use it. Because the check was the amount of the quote she had just received for the sacristy cabinets, she wondered if it was the provision she had been praying for, but she also knows that the church has many other financial needs, too.

**c. Danny Bryant**

- i. Danny’s son Pax was baptized recently, and many of the youth group kids came to the party afterwards.
- ii. There is a bonfire next Sunday at the Gaws’ house
- iii. A couple of the volunteers had a girls’ night recently.
- iv. The youth group community is building; kids are excited and are growing in the Word and with each other.
- v. Danny will be preaching this Sunday.
- vi. Danny and his family are really enjoying being part of Redeemer.

**IV. Pastor’s Update**

- a. Redeemer hosted a meeting of Anglican pastors last week. A church-planting fellowship, called Simeon Fellowship, was inaugurated at the meeting. Thomas talked to David Roseberry, pastor of Christ Church in Plano, Texas – they’ve just switched from AMiA to ACNA.
- b. The Benedictine retreat is next weekend.
- c. The All Saints service will be the following Sunday. People are invited to come forward and talk about someone, living or dead, who has made an impact on their Christian life.
- d. During the first week of November, Thomas and staff members are going to Sewanee for a network meeting.
- e. Thomas was invited to go to an event in Virginia at the end of November – part of a series of symposiums on modern church trends with emerging church leaders.

**V. Treasurer’s Report**

	<u>September 2010</u>	<u>YTD</u>
<b>Tithe</b>	<b>37,680.76</b>	<b>360,786.39</b>
<b>Over/(Under) Budget</b>	<b>(11,769.24)</b>	<b>(84,263.61)</b>
<b>Ordinary Expenses</b>	<b>46,201.32</b>	<b>423,510.78</b>
<b>Over/(Under) Budget</b>	<b>(4,670.67)</b>	<b>(16,303.80)</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>(8,520.56)</b>	<b>(62,724.39)</b>

**Bank Account Balances as of End of September 2010**

<b>Cedarstone Bank- General Operations</b>	<b>\$22,353.15</b>
<b>Cedarstone Bank- Reserve Account</b>	<b>\$44,985.38</b>
<b>Schwab- Money Market</b>	<b>\$25,496.70</b>
<b><u>Pastor’s Discretionary</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,885.17</u></b>
<b>Total in all accounts</b>	<b>\$94,720.40</b>

- a. The finance committee is meeting tomorrow night.
- b. September 2010 income was \$15,000 less than September 2009.
- c. Year to date income is about \$39,000 less than 2009.
- d. At this point it looks like 2010 giving will be \$100,000 less than what was budgeted.
- e. Linda has approached Cedarstone about a possible reamortization of our mortgage, stretching it out longer and decreasing our monthly payment amount. The finance committee will discuss this at their meeting.
- f. A motion was made and approved to approve the Treasurer's Report.

## **VI. Old Business**

- a. There was discussion about a church directory and having them available for new people. A new directory will be published soon.
- b. Following up on the bulletin board idea that was proposed a couple of months ago, it was decided that we wouldn't do it.
- c. There is a Board of Zoning Appeals meeting tomorrow night that Pat will attend.

## **VII. New Business**

- a. Financial Situation
  - i. There was a discussion about our current financial situation, followed by a time of prayer.
  - ii. Thomas will address the congregation at the beginning of November and we'll follow up with email communication.
- b. Gift from The Gate
  - i. There was a discussion about what to do with the \$1,000 check that was given by The Gate, and whether it should be designated for the sacristy. The elders will pray about it and make a decision next month.
- c. Blue Like Jazz Movie
  - i. The Blue Like Jazz movie crew was here last week, and Thomas is still waiting to hear about the timing of when they'll be filming here.
- d. Event Scheduling
  - i. The staff & elders Christmas party will be Monday, December 6 at Mary Brown's house.
  - ii. The annual meeting will be January 30, after the 2<sup>nd</sup> service.
- e. Initiating New Elders
  - i. At the next meeting we should discuss procedures for initiating new elders.
  - ii. Linda Thoel handed out a sheet with suggestions for the Council of Elders on procedural matters, related to meeting minutes, the elders retreat, new elders orientation, and financial reports.
- f. Prayer Among Elders
  - i. There was discussion about the need for the Council of Elders to have more corporate prayer time. It was decided that we would add more time for prayer during our monthly elders meetings.
  - ii.

**VIII. Meeting Adjourned**  
**Next Meeting: Monday, November 15, 2010**