

**Church of the Redeemer**  
**Council of Elders Meeting**  
**June 28, 2010**

**Elders Present:** Linda Thoel, Thomas McKenzie, Scooter Lee, Pat Shepard, Molly Nicholas, Patrick Carr, John Van Hooydonk, Mary Brown, Linda Shepherd

**Others Present:** Jenna Martin, Kyle Williams, Mike Bishop, Kenny Benge, Susan Kimbro

**I. Opening Prayer**

**II. Approval of May Minutes**

- a. A motion was made and approved to approve the May Minutes.

**III. St John's Franklin Update**

a. Mike Bishop

- i. St. John's leadership team recently met, and Mike has become the Treasurer.
- ii. St. John's has established a charter, are in the process of completing the bylaws, and have set up a bank account.
- iii. A preliminary budget of around \$150,000 has been established.
- iv. Mike responded to the COE's willingness to support the church plant by offering a giving proposal for the COE to prayerfully consider:
  1. St. John's would be looking for \$30,000 gift, given over 5 months.
  2. The leadership committee has also pursued giving from AMIA.
    - a. AMIA has said they are willing to give around \$30,000 over an undisclosed amount of time.
- v. St. John's leadership committee would like Kenny to be full time by August so that he wouldn't have to split his time between ministries.

b. Kenny Benge

- i. Kenny shared a few stories from his past week.
  1. Was having coffee at a restaurant in Franklin, where a woman prophesied over him and a friend who had been talking.
  2. St. John's Potluck happened on Sunday night.
    - a. It was well attended with about 43 adults, and many children.

**IV. Staff Reports**

a. **Jenna Martin**

- i. Piecing together musician lists has been a little more difficult during the summer, due to summer vacations, so there might be leaner worship teams at church.
- ii. Barclay has been a huge help with sound.
- iii. Working on some more musician recruiting over the summer.
- iv. AMIA is putting out a music resource CD and Jenna's song "How Beautiful Is The Lord" is being considered for the compilation.
- v. Jenna's 2nd Semester at The Institute of Worship Studies has begun, and she is really enjoying her studies.

**b. Susan Kimbro**

- i. Slugs and Bugs Concert was well attended with about 70 people in attendance.
- ii. VBS was last week, and went really well.
  - 1. Snack bags were made for FAM at VBS.
- iii. Sunday School is on break until August
- iv. Asked for prayers in regards to looking for Children's Worship Leaders.

**c. Kenny Bengé**

- i. Kenny does a lot of consulting work for New Hope Academy
  - 1. FAM has approached New Hope Academy about planting a school in East Nashville.
    - a. New Hope is very interested and responded by saying that FAM would have to raise around \$500,000 to cover the start up costs for the first two years, in order for New Hope Academy to further pursue the proposal.

**V. Flood Relief Update**

- a. Flood relief money was dispersed.
- b. Bruce Colville was hired, and has been providing a detailed report to Thomas and Pat.
- c. There were originally 15 families that needed flood relief assistance, and they have been whittled down to around 7.
  - i. Nine families received financial help from the church.
- d. Thomas will announce to the church via the bulletin that the money has been distributed.

**VI. Pastor's Report**

- a. Thomas had a great trip to the monastery at Christ in The Desert
  - i. Attended a very special ceremony and was especially touched by the abbot's sermon.
- b. Leaving for vacation on July 26 and will be gone for two weeks.
- c. There is a party in the works to thank and send off Kenny Bengé.
- d. Danny Bryant joins staff on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

- e. Has been thinking a lot about how The Jesus Story Year impacted his preaching.
  - 1. Seriously considering doing an expositional series on a book of the Bible in the fall.
- f. Considering doing a Benedictine retreat in the fall, in which retreatants would live out the rule of St. Benedict for 48 hours.
- g. There have been many Episcopalians visiting Redeemer from other churches in the area lately.
- h. An anonymous donor recently approached Thomas about restoring and upgrading the closet behind the altar.
  - 1. Jenna volunteered to be the liaison.
  - 2. Sylvia Phillips from The Altar Guild will also be asked to participate in the designing process.

## VII. Treasurer's Report

	May 2010	YTD
Tithe	41,641.93	211,210.44
Over/(Under) Budget	(7,808.07)	(36,039.56)
Ordinary Expenses	42,479.95	240,053.54
Over/(Under) Budget	(5,815.85)	(1,425.46)
Net Ordinary Income	(838.02)	(28,843.10)

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

Cedarstone Bank- General Operations	\$ 58,236.13
Cedarstone Bank- Reserve Account	\$ 74,820.76
Schwab- First Fruits	\$ 56,601.87
<u>Pastor's Discretionary</u>	<u>\$ 1,133.15</u>
Total in all accounts	\$ 190,791.91

- Income was down last month, but the expense was only about \$800 dollars more than income in May.
- Mortgage is down to \$767,000
- Thomas' professional expenses were up a small bit.
- Pensions are over for the month, due to how money is exchanged from the ACNA.
- Benefits are a little over due to the previous issue with Thomas's insurance.
- Line Item 8320 is high because it accounts for funds distributed in flood relief
- Line Item 6460 – Outreach grants is over because the \$10,000 was distributed at the beginning of the year.
- Line Item 6915 is up because the church switched trash-pick up companies.
- A motion was made and approved to approve the treasurer's report.

## VIII. Old Business

**A. Finance Committee – Nomination and Selection of Chairman & Members**

- a. Pat Shepard nominated Cliff Hepper as Chairman.
  - i. The nomination was approved by the COE.
- b. Linda Thoel nominated Mark Deering as a member.
  - i. The nomination was approved by the COE.
- c. Grady Cannon was nominated by John Van Hooydonk.
  - i. The nomination was approved by the COE.
- d. As the treasurer Linda Shepherd is automatically included in the Finance Committee.

**B. Maintenance of Policies**

- a. Pat made a binder that will include all of the church's policies and by laws.
- b. There will also be an electronic copy kept on the church's computers.

**C. June 6 Elders Meeting**

- a. There was a meeting of the elders on June 6, where two decisions were made:
  - i. Established a Flood Relief Committee consisting of Pat Shepard, Linda Thoel, Mary Brown, Mark Deering, and Thomas McKenzie. The committee was asked to make decisions on the distribution of flood relief funds.
  - ii. Bruce Collville was hired on a 30 day retainer to assist with flood relief

**IX. New Business**

- a. Linda Thoel proposed getting the Elders who did not attend the retreat caught up on what was discussed.
- b. The COE asked the finance committee to review the YTD financial statements and the proposal from St. Johns and to provide a recommendation on the proposed funding for St. Johns.”
- c. Pat proposed that the counting team be asked to bring down the blinds at the end of the second service.

**X. Executive Session**

**XI. Adjourn**

Next meeting: July 26, 2010