

ELDER LEADERSHIP TEAM MINUTES

July 20, 2010

Members Present – Pastor Steve Goold, Pastor David Rodquist, Steve Eckholm, Jerry Hoffman, Herb Janes, Dan Johnson, Ted Larson, Roger Mehrer, David Pagelkopf, Marshall Posey, Ken Wright.

Absent: Cort Cieminski, Paul Davis

Roger Mehrer lead the Elder Leadership Team in prayer as it opened the first meeting of this church year. The elders read aloud the Biblical requirements for an elder from I Timothy 3 and Titus 1. Pastor Steve welcomed new elder Ken Wright and thanked him for answering the call to be a part of the team. The Elder Leadership Team Structure as presented for consideration at the last meeting was brought up for final discussion. Ted Larson moved that it be approved as written, Dave Pagelkopf seconded and all present voted to approve. The new chairman is Roger Mehrer with Cort Cieminski as vice chairman.

1. Biblical Leadership Series

Pastor Steve lead in a time of study entitled "What is the Church." The church is Christ's living body present on earth. It is a living organization, it is people and it is a spiritual force. The Leadership Commitment to Spiritual Excellence document was distributed, read aloud, discussed and quietly affirmed before the Lord by each of the elders. There was time of prayer for the ELT seeking God in our effort to serve as he has called us.

2. Senior Staff Report--None

3. Call meeting to order and Approval of the minutes

Chairman Roger Mehrer called the meeting to order. The minutes for the June 22, 2010 meeting were reviewed and clarified. Dan Johnson moved their approval, Ted Larson seconded and they were approved as clarified.

The ELT also welcomed Ken Wright and time was spent getting further acquainted.

4. Senior Pastor Report

Email correspondence issued from Pastor Steve's office often calls for a response back. In all such cases it would be helpful if we would respond in some way to all such correspondence. Please do not assume that by not responding that you are saying "no."

Prayer Watch 2010, the new year's prayer initiative, is under way and again designed for a one year period. Christ gathered his followers with him in the garden to watch and pray and we are taught to watch and pray that we may not enter into temptation. The existing groups can continue to meet but are under no obligation to do so. There will be four whole church evening prayer watches through the year. Each will have a specific focus with the first one being on October 24, 2010 designated as "Prayer for the Nation."

5. Pastor Dave Report

Attendance/Financial status review & update:

Attendance for the four Sundays in June increased 3.1% and total campus attendance increased 1.5% over last year. There have been 40 decisions for Christ in June with 177 so far this calendar year. We are excited to see God's hand working here at NHC. Giving for this period, that concludes the budget year, was ahead of last year by 8.4%, however, year-end expenditures and maintenance issues put the spending at 106% of budget. The giving to budget for the complete year was 95.9% and expenses were held to 96.8% of budget. July giving in the new budget year stands at 88% of budget. Our cash position is tight but all bills are paid. We praise God for his provision and trust he will work in his people to tithe. The Bible emphasizes the importance of stewardship. Malachi 3 challenges us to see that God will provide when his people are faithful in giving.

The communion sign-up sheet for August 1 was circulated.

The annual church picnic theme this year will be "Corner Cookout." It is on August 8 from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m. on the main campus. There will a lot of activities, food, worship and baptism at 6:00 p.m. It is a community outreach with guests being treated to free food. Food tickets may be purchased by those who are a part of the NHC family. The elders and their wives will be part of the hospitality team and should wear their name badges.

The Elder Recorder Schedule for the new year was distributed along with guidelines to assist those on the schedule in the preparation of the ELT meeting minutes.

HVAC update: As noted earlier there were some recent expenditures to maintain the HVAC systems in our facilities. An air conditioning unit at the E.C. had to be replaced. In addition, the S1 unit in the older portion of the main campus failed. Preventative maintenance efforts tried earlier on this unit did not provided the solution desired and a compressor had to be replaced for \$14,000. The secondary compressor continues to run.

The updated New Hope Church Organizational Chart for the new year was provided to the ELT.

The new plaza entry area has been well received by the congregation. "Summer on the Plaza" events have been held since its completion with refreshments being provided and music being added next month. The elders are invited to stop in as time allows and assist in welcoming guests whenever possible. Even a short period of time would be great. Wear your name tag if you happen to have it with you.

6. Council and Committee Reports

Global Ministries--Ted Larson reported:

Four 2010 New Hope Globally short term projects have been completed with the Senior High Czech Republic trip currently in progress. The Azerbaijan and Liberia programs are in development with Bulgaria phase 2 scheduled for November. Craig Bechthold continues to serve in Mozambique through September. The Sprinkels who are serving in Tanzania are

in transition. The missions fellowship dinner was held on July 13 with global workers and the Global Ministries Council gathering together. There were many reports of encouragement and blessing being received from NHC. Ed and Valerie Johnson are currently staying in the Friendship House.

Property Council– Marshall Posey reported:

Praise God for the faithful contributors to CIM each week. The CIM fund is currently exhausted due to the plaza project but improvements will continue as funds become available. The plaza project is nearly complete with our thanks and compliments to project manager, Peter Jensen and architect, Phil Johnson. Dahlbeck Roofing is reviewing the issues that developed last winter due to snow buildup. On June 25 there was a downpour that caused water damage in the area of Pastor Dave's office and the reception area. There was about \$1800 in damage and options are being considered should such a weather event occur again. The remodeling of some existing space in the Children's Ministry area on the lower level will begin on Monday.

7. Old Business: None

8. New Business: None

9. Next Elder Meetings

Tuesday, August 17 @ 7:00 P.M. – Regular Meeting

Tuesday, August 31 @7:00 P.M. -- Fifth Tuesday Prayer in Prayer Room

10. Meeting Adjournment

Roger Mehrer adjourned the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven Eckholm

Co-Recorder

Elder Leadership Team