

June 1, 2009 Meeting Notes

LRP – Hunter Harris, Mike Shelton, Fran Harbeson, Steve Robbins, Jeff Bowers, and Jim Hamilton

Meeting Agenda

1. Begin preparation for the Session Retreat August 15. Some of the items under consideration:

a) One item is the preparation/finalization of an operations manual for the church. This has come up in Session as something the Session believes would be useful to have. I am going to attach our current one, someone found from 2001 which is not up to date. I am also going to attach a model of one that I have circulated to a few session members who prefer the format of this one, as it includes things such as the mission, goals, etc.

b) Any topics of organization for the session. Two items that have come up are changes to the personnel committee structure and the service of the clerk.

c) As this is intended to be our business meeting, also talk about goals for 2010 and progress on goals of 2009. First thoughts on budget needs for the coming year that might be outside normal spending.

d) A spiritual development activity for the session

e) other ideas or thoughts from the group.

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The group agreed on the agenda as noted above. The thought was that items a and b would be combined as the operations manual review includes any changes to these two items.

The path forward is for Hunter to reach out to Ministry Teams that have already begun modifying their section of the Operations Manual. Hunter is to take this information and prepare a revised Operations Manual, including basic organizational structure and policies (for example, elect 7 elders each year for 3 year term, etc), the mission and vision, along with the responsibilities of the individual ministry teams. A report out on 2009 goals and initial thoughts on 2010 goals is included in the agenda.

Mike and Kari are to take the lead on a team exercise for the session along with a spiritual development activity. The thought is the retreat would last for about 4 to 5 hours, starting around 8:30. The retreat is scheduled to be held at the church.

In order to allow active elders participate in the conversation, Jim Hamilton, Fran Harbeson, and Steve Robbins have agreed to serve as facilitators for the session retreat. The date remains August 15, 2009.

The second topic is the follow up on the 3 Colors training, where do we go from here?

The final week of the 3 colors series will be lead by Mike on June 17. This final session will cover lessons 10, 11, and 12 from the study guide, focusing on the collective gifts of the group.

At the conclusion of this study, we want to explore with the test group a variety of questions:

Did you find the study valuable?

What aspects of the study worked best for you?

Is this a good study to use with the congregation as a whole to explore both individual and corporate spiritual gifts?

Is this a good basis for the congregation to move from a need based to gift based ministry?

If the study fits:

How would you use this to roll out to the congregation?

What would be your goals with the congregation?

Would you suggest volunteer participation, or something more organized that covered mainstream activities within the church to roll this out?

Would you be willing to serve on a leadership team to aid with the roll out?

Next meeting set for June 22, 2009 at 6:30