

August 24, 2009

Meeting Notes

LRP

Attendees – Jim Hamilton, Shannon Raglin, Jeff Bowers, Kari Goforth, Mike Shelton, Lamar Carney, Hunter Harris

Apologies – Fran Harbeson, Steve Robbins

Meeting Agenda

1. 3 Colors WNL

- a. Deck has ordered the books for us.
- b. Teachers
 - i. Confirmed – Phil Dunham & Judy Herrmann, Carol and Jim Wylie, Kari Goforth & Steve Robbins, Fran Harbeson, Hunter Harris & Mike Shelton
 - ii. Shannon will potential serve on a team as well, awaiting Soccer schedule to confirm.
 - iii. Jim Hamilton is a stand in back up on occassion
 - iv. Willing to help, but not lead – Angie Helwig
- c. How to teach?
 - i. Break out into groups immediately
 - ii. Have short common session, followed by break out

Much conversation on this topic, the general feeling it would work out best logistically to do in separate groups without a time together at the start. One thought was to have a first meeting more as a large group, then break out for 5 weeks, then followed by a common meeting with everyone to talk about how to put our gifts in action. This would expand the WNL to 7 weeks.

- d. Set up meeting with teachers to plan
Hunter to set up a meeting with the teachers

2. Session Retreat Follow Up

a. Clerk Recommendation

The motion is to have the Stated Clerk of Session be a non-voting position to be filled by a non-sitting Elder; with the Elder to be elected by the Session on recommendation of the Head of Staff. The Clerk must be elected annually, but can serve consecutive terms. Book of Order G-9.0203

b. Litmus Test

This is the first draft of the Litmus test. We asked each member of the LRP to review and comment prior to our review with the session. Please send Email comments to Hunter for inclusion.

- i. Are we affirming Jesus Christ as the Head of the Church?
 - ii. Is it Christ centered?
 - iii. Is this biblically based?
 - iv. Does this inspire and facilitate a friendly and open family of believers?
 - v. Does this help our membership grow spiritually?
 - vi. Does this serve others either locally or globally?
 - vii. Does this capture the strengths of SPC?
 - viii. Does this focus the efforts of the members of SPC?
 - ix. Does this answer God's call for SPC?
- c. Organizational Question for Session, how do we proceed?
- i. Seemed to get the direction to propose a structure, and return to the Session
 - ii. How might we want to accomplish this?
 - iii. Acceptable to ask Session for a two hour meeting once per quarter?

After a lengthy discussion about the options, a couple of themes emerged. One was around using our guiding principles as a means to define the ministry teams. The second was that it would be beneficial to set up a task force, with one person from each ministry team to review the functions within the Church and how they align with the guiding principles. This likely would lead to a recommendation on the structure and the organization of SPC. The motion is to establish a task force, comprised of one member from each Ministry Team, to review the function of all teams. The team would align these functions within our Mission and Guiding Principles, with the ultimate goal of preparing a recommendation on the structure of the session long term.

- d. Update the Operations Manual
 - i. Nominating Committee?

The Operating Manual has been updated and will be sent out to Session for review prior to the September Session Meeting with the intent of approving during the September meeting.

3. New Elder Training Planning

- a. Date set, November 16

- b. Expand scope
- c. 3 Colors for new elders?

The team decided to continue with the base training from the prior year, with the addition of the 3 Colors. Timing remains to be decided, but anticipate adding no more dates for the new elders, potentially just adding time to the schedule events. The focus of the training would be on the practical side of being an elder (meetings, office, administration, etc), the spiritual side through prayer, leadership, and individual gifts.

- 4. Annual Report
 - a. Noted to Session member time to update
 - b. Asked for first draft by November Session meeting, or November 15
 - c. Final draft due by December 18
 - d. Ask Beth to aid us again
 - e. Do we want to do something more for the printing in 2010?

We decided to keep the format the same. Hunter to ask Beth if she feels we can print again at Bethany? We will include money for printing at Staples if Bethany can not support this.

5. 2010 Asking Budget

Include in the budget an overnight retreat

Budget Items	
3 Colors Training	\$ 500 Books Primarily
Overnight retreat	\$1,500
Regular retreat	\$ 500
Annual Report Printing	\$ 800
Celebration Event	\$ 500
Annual Meeting	\$ 750
TOTAL	\$4,550