

ECC of Lafayette, Indiana - Council Meeting

Tuesday, Oct 13, 2009

AGENDA/ Minutes

Our mission is to build a community of people who worship God, follow Jesus and pursue the purposes of God in the world.

*Council members present: Ron Smith (Chair), Greg Louk, Doug Patty, Shirley Pence, Jeff Speakman, Audette Taylor
Pastors: Pastor Littlefield,
Guests: Pastor McFadden, Aaron Arkkelen*

1. Team Building/prayer– Ron
 - *Ron opened in prayer.*
2. Approval of Agenda and Planned Agenda for Oct 18th congregational meeting
 - *Both agendas were approved. Agreed to postpone the normal council activities to an extra council meeting scheduled for Oct 27, so that we could focus on the upcoming announcement.*
3. Prepare to talk with Aaron and Bob
 - *Jeff and Stacey discussed the conversations that they had been having with Bob and Aaron. Jeff discussed the process of preparing the draft announcement, and the feedback that had been provided by Bob and Aaron. Stacey discussed the conversations he had been having with members of the Youth Pastor search committee. He had met with most members, and they were unified in saying that the focus of the search and conversations were specifically for youth and not a broader family focus.*
4. Aaron Arkkelin to address the council
 - *Aaron discussed how he and Sonja have been sensing God move in their lives. He described the possibility of getting involved in a coffee shop ministry. They have been discussing taking a period of time in Nashville, TN to work with Narrow Gate Ministries in a coffee shop they have there, and then replicating that ministry in Lafayette. They are waiting on a clearer sense of God's timing and direction, but they are excited about the possibilities..*
5. Pastor Bob McFadden to address the council
 - *Pastor Bob came and we discussed that his call is broader than Youth. We discussed what that meant, and that we wanted what was best for him and his family, ECC, and the youth. We set a target date of Feb 1,2010, but indicated that we could flex on that timing if the situation warranted it. We spent time refining the wording of the announcement that would be read at the congregational meeting and then mailed to members and regular attenders.*
6. Other Business

- *Council gave permission to allow Trinity Mission to place a clothing donation box on site, as long as Trinity managed the container, and it was clearly labeled.*

7. Meeting was adjourned

Next Meeting: Tues Oct 27, 2009, 7:00 PM

Next Congregational Meeting: Sun, Oct 18, 2009, 4:30PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Speakman

Council Secretary.