

**ECC of Lafayette, Indiana - Council Meeting**  
Wednesday, Dec 9, 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*

*Pastors: Pastor Littlefield, Pastor Kincannon (CFO), Pastor Bodi*

*Guests:*

1. Team Building/prayer– Ron

- *Ron opened in prayer.*

2. Approval of Agenda and Nov meeting minutes

- *Agenda and minutes were approved.*

3. CFO/Church Administrator report - Kurt

3.1. Budget, large gifts and other reporting

- *Pastor designated their respective housing allowances for 2010. Pastor Littlefield: \$35,000; Pastor Kincannon: \$31,000 ; Pastor Bannister:\$30,000 ; Pastor Bodi: \$39,000 Declarations are attached.*

*5 Sunday, giving was more than \$4800 below budget, but still more than expenses for the month. Financial report is attached.*

- *Expenses have exceeded giving by \$4000 year to date.*
- *A significant stock gift for ~\$19K. The giver would like the amount to be placed in the building fund. They particularly asked that the money would go toward expanding CF space. Council asked that the giver be told that the monies from that account may be used for any facilities upgrades and may not eventually result in expanded CF space.*
- *Another gift of \$80K was given to the church. The use of the money is at the discretion of the council. The council decided to place the money temporarily into the memorial fund until we decide how best to use this blessing.*

4. Lead Pastor – Stacey

- *Attendance from November was discussed.*

4.1. Personnel

- *Discussed what is going on with Bob and the options he is considering at this point.*
- *Discussed options Aaron is considering.*
- *Dawn is going to spend 1 day/week in Jan-May to finish up her educational commitments.*
- *Discussed the summary of the Children and Youth Forum. Stacey will post the summary on the website.*

4.2. Worship Survey

- *181 surveys (453 people) were collected. 132 (73%) said change to two services, 49 (27%) said make no change.*
- *Drop 8:15 48*
- *Drop 9:45 64*
- *Go to 9 and 1030 90*
- *Based on the data, the council decided to move to 2 services starting Sunday February 7th. CF will be held during the 9 O'clock service.*

4.3. Christmas Love offering

- *Ron will send out letter.*

4.4. Stephen Ministry

- *Dawn discussed a Stephen's Ministry presentation that occurred in Indy. 9 ECC members went to this presentation. Dawn has been discussing the potential for establishing a Stephen's ministries program here. Also discussed the experience of Central Presbyterian Church that has a Stephen's ministries program. Talk about it again in January*

5. Short Range

- *Youth transition team update from Greg. He has contacted about 80% of the names we discussed, and some of them are prayerfully considering participating.*

5.1. M Zeimer note

- *Discussed a letter from Marilyn. Ron will follow up with her.*

5.2. Council terms – next members

- *Julie Thompson and Margaret Martin*
- *Tom Puterbaugh. One potential candidate declined.*
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5.3. Youth Pastor Search committee candidates thus far:

- *Al Ritter*
- *Joel Robbin*
- *Andrea Puterbaugh*
- *Tim Overman*
- *Chad Fishback*

6. Long Range - Ron

6.1. Long Range thoughts

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7. Adjourn

Next Meeting: Tues Jan 12, 2010, 7:00 pm

Next Congregational meeting: Sun, Jan 17 2010, TBD pm