

City First Church of the Nazarene  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 12, 2024

Present:

CHURCH BOARD: Pam Bennett, Dennis Gregory, Gary McLin, Cindy Ryan, Carol Snead, Kimber Walton, Jack Wharfield

STAFF (Non-voting): Ryan Green, Sarah Schoenherr, Ron Alexander

SCHOOL (Non-voting): Brent Wright

18:30 Call to Order, Opening Prayer

18:35 Approval of the agenda – MSP\*  
Approval of December & January Minutes – MSP

18:40 Report of Officers

1. Ministry – Ryan

- a) Strategic Pause – When we decided to go down to one Sunday morning worship service, one of the main objectives was to focus on what does it mean to be a disciple and how do we make disciples. Our next Sunday morning preaching series is called Be One Make One and will focus on these ideas. Instead of 6 weeks of topical classes following the current Immerse classes, we will invite people to “Round Table Discussions” following the service to discuss points for the sermon and to reflect on questions that Ryan will present to the group. These round table discussions will last 3 weeks. Each round table group will have a facilitator who takes notes. Ryan and staff will look at notes to discover themes and patterns, create language anchors, and put together a process to invite people into ordered living centered around the person of Jesus. Ryan has observed a great process in Celebrate Recovery that includes a culture of confession, mentoring and transparency.
- b) Corporate Prayer Rhythms  
Sundays at 8:15 am – 15-20 people showing up to pray soul-hungry prayers to God.  
First Thursday Prayer
- c) Pastoral Review – March 11<sup>th</sup>  
The process of pastoral review in the Church of the Nazarene includes a review after 2 years, and after each 4 years following that to determine if church/pastor relationship will continue. This will be Ryan’s 6 year review. Rob previously sent out a form that DS Brett would like each board member to fill out before the review meeting.
- d) Make a Difference Sunday – February 25<sup>th</sup> – 7 adults and 1 child are getting baptized

## 2. Finance – Ron – MSP

The finance report shows that giving was down considerably in January. As is usual, people advanced giving in December and those 2 months average out to our regular YTD average.

Regarding our fixed rate portfolio, in the last 12 months we have earned \$61k, and if we don't reinvest from our laddered portfolio in 2024, we will earn another \$60k. Of course, interest rates remain high, and we will continue to reinvest into short term investments as long as that remains our best strategy.

## 1900 Teams Progress Reports

### 1. City First Christian Academy

Brent presented Melissa's report and also expressed gratitude for rent-free space.

They are in the swells of enrollment for next year. The majority of current students are returning with very few not coming back for a small variety of reasons. 2 new high school students have started and that brings the total to 19! Fundraising efforts have been very successful this year and the PTO has decided to host an auction for the first time. Plans have been underway for the last month, date is set for June 1, tickets on sale April 1.

Ways you can be praying for the school: 1. For new touring families-praying for wisdom and discernment as we ask families to join us and for finances to work out for families.

2. The enemy has a foothold in our kids right now with language and behavior. Students are exposed to so much via the internet and unfortunately they bring that to school in efforts to be "cool" or "fit in."

### 2. Capital Campaign – Ron

We watched the first of four capital campaign videos. The script is finished for the 2<sup>nd</sup> video which will be shorter and better suited for social media. The third video will be church specific and the fourth will be school specific. We are in the pre-consulting phase with a local fundraising organization. Both church and school need to finish some foundational things before moving forward.

## 1920 New Business

1. Inactive Membership Updates – Sarah led us through a list of members to make inactive and members to remove. We are following the process from the manual where inactive members receive a letter and are removed 2 years later if no response is received. MSP

2. Budget Preview – Ron led us through a glimpse at the new budget that will be voted on in March. We are budgeting over our current giving. We have 4 months of operating expenses and interest income from our fixed rate portfolio that can help fund the difference.

## 1940 Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Schoenherr

Office Manager

MSP\* - Moved, Seconded, Passed