

City First Church of the Nazarene
Board Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2024

Present:

CHURCH BOARD: Dennis Gregory, Ed Emberlin, Tiffany Price, Terrie Klein, Cindy Ryan

STAFF (non-voting): Ryan Green, Ron Alexander, Kylie Green, Daniel Buckwalter, Brooke Marcois, Sarah Schoenherr

SCHOOL (non-voting): Brent Wright, Melissa Long, Justin Meyers

18:19 Welcome and Prayer- Ryan called the meeting to order. He reminded us from Colossians 3:23-24 that whatever role we are playing, the one we are serving is the Lord. Ed opened the meeting with prayer.

18:20 Adopt Agenda- MSP*

18:20 Approval of October Minutes- MSP

18:22 Report of the Officers

1. Highlights/Ministry Dashboard-Ryan

- a. Sunday worship attendance was up in October. Small groups are holding strong, including a full Freedom Group. Connect Track in October went well. Make a Difference Sunday featured 4 baptisms. With helpful suggestions from Cindy Ryan and Pastor Kylie, the Dream Team Fair came back stronger than ever with 12ish people signing up to serve in some capacity.
- b. Ryan gave the opening prayer at the CAFA 30 year celebration and had an interaction with a young man looking for spiritual direction.
- c. Ed Emberlin is expected to be voted onto the CFCA board this Thursday. Contingent on that vote, we will receive his resignation from this board.

2. Finance-Ron reported on October finances-MSP

- a. Comparing income statements from 2023 and 2024, giving is down this year; spending is also down in a lot of areas.
- b. October giving was up - \$74,202.01 which gave us a net of \$5,736.73 for the month and -\$54,076.62 for the year.

18:40 Teams Updates

1. City First Christian Academy (CFCA)-Melissa Long

- a. Celebrating Make A Difference Sunday with student-led worship and baptisms of a student and a staff member.
- b. Working with Jack Wharfield and writer from Lund on an end-of-year appeal for the 1st time.
- c. Tour season has started – 5 tours last week

- d. Bailey Brooks is a board member who is volunteering Mondays as high school adviser.
 - e. New Hope Christian College is offering a 45% discount for all CFCA graduates.
 - f. Life Change Program is providing Saturday food for Narnia rehearsal in exchange for free tickets.
2. Staff Reports-
- a. Pastor Daniel
 - Averaging 18 kids at youth group each week, with a total roster of around 40.
 - Celebrating Paige & Madeline Brougher's baptisms
 - Kaitlyn Brougher had her first experience with the Holy Spirit at camp and led worship at youth group recently.
 - Winter Retreat is coming – joining with Tillamook youth group
 - b. Pastor Kylie
 - Potential tech director, Trace Bailey, along with his wife and daughter, are visiting this week.
 - Worship Team has started each Sunday recently with consecrating prayer in the Hospitality Room before the service starts. One week, new team member and high schooler, Orion, was the first person to speak up in response to scripture that Kylie shared and the first to volunteer to pray.
 - CFCA Worship Team – looking into having them lead every Make A Difference Sunday!
 - Dream Team Fair – Implemented great ideas from Cindy Ryan. Set up welcome table in lobby and handed out bags.
 - c. Brooke
 - She has an amazing team! They bridge the gap between the younger kids and older kids to help everything run smoothly.
 - Kids Christmas Celebration is coming 12/15.
 - 2 new families this month.

19:00 Business in Process/Updates

1. Legacy Dinner- Our first annual Legacy Dinner is 11/15. It is simply a night to thank people who have given and will feature 7 small testimonies of how giving is impacting lives. A donor is covering ½ the cost of dinner. We are anticipating 80 people from the list of those who have given \$1000 or more in 2024.
2. Legacy Offering- We have transitioned from Faith Promise in early spring to Legacy Offering in late fall. We accidentally didn't schedule Faith Promise before sabbatical and Pastor Ryan had already been wanting to move to a name change and season change. The Legacy Offering will cover 4 Legacy Lanes: City First Projects, City First Next Gen, Local Projects, and Global Projects. For City First Next Gen, Pastor Ryan has a dream of a \$1,000,000 endowment fund for CFCA scholarships. The more practical goal is raising \$5000 for direct scholarship fund for school to manage.

3. Hwy 99 IDEA- DS Brett said he would look at a proposal for district support of planting a church for the unhoused. Kimber feels called to this ministry. We need to build a team and find funding and property (Porky's Palace is an idea). Dennis mentioned that some people might wonder why we would plant something so close to Fairfield. Ryan answered that this church would be targeted at the unhoused, so would offer no real "competition" for Fairfield congregation.
4. Second Service Combo with Awakening Church IDEA- Awakening Church led by Pastor Clint is looking for a new place to worship beginning in January. We have offered them the Downtown campus at 3:30 pm on Sundays. Ryan talked to Clint about the idea of a combo service at 11 am. This idea needs time for prayer, conversation and thought.
5. Tech Director- We continue to look for someone to fill our non-paid Tech Director position. Pastor Daniel's friend, Trace Bailey, is interested. He will be visiting this weekend with his wife and daughter. They have been interested in moving to the PNW for some time.

19:23 New Business/Topics

1. District License Renewals- Recommend renewal of district license for Ryan Matsen, Krysta Matsen, Daniel Buckwalter, Kimber Walton and Erika Garcia-MSP

19:28 Adjournment and Prayer-Ryan adjourned the meeting by expressing his gratitude for our church. God is not done with City First Church. It is his joy and honor to continue to serve. He is also grateful for City First Christian Academy. Dennis Gregory gave the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Schoenher
City First Church Office Manager

*Moved, Seconded, Passed