

City First Church of the Nazarene  
Board Meeting Minutes  
October 9, 2023

Present:

CHURCH BOARD: Rob Martin (Ex-Officio), Jack Wharfield, Carol Snead, Dennis Gregory, Cindy Ryan, Pam Bennett, Ed Emberlin, Wyatt Dean, Aleixandra Tejada Vela, Kimber Walton

STAFF (non-voting): Ryan Green, Sarah Schoenherr, Ron Alexander, Daniel Buckwalter, Elias Perez, Erika Garcia

GUESTS: Emma Buckwalter, Pastor Elise Snowden, Julie Burket

18:30 Call to Order, Opening Prayer- Ryan opened with a word from Chapter 12 of 2 Corinthians. Paul heard a Living Word from Jesus that shaped his life, "My grace is sufficient for you..." God's Spirit drives profound moments in Church history. Let's not limit God to the written Word, but allow for the Living Word as well. God give us ears to hear where you would lead.

Wyatt opened in prayer.

18:40 Approval of the Agenda- Ryan proposed adoption of the agenda- MSP\*

18:41 Approve September Minutes- MSP

18:42 Report of Officers

Ministry Dashboard- Ryan introduced Sparrow Club and explained the "how".

Sparrow Club- Julie Burket explained how this ministry gives kids a tangible and practical way to experience acts of service and giving. It builds empathy and empowers kids to realize that they can make a difference while experiencing a change in their own heart. On Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> we hope to have our own "Sparrow" at MAD Sunday.

11 AM Worship Attendance- we are tracking attendance at around 20-25 people, not repeat attenders from early service. Do we continue if attendance continues as it has?

Make A Difference Sunday- Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> we will hold combined services.

Children's Pastor/Director Search- Ryan will be holding follow-up conversations with a candidate.

5-Lanes of Tangible Vision- what are the tangible things we can do in regards to: Church, next generation, local outreach, national, and global outreach? Ryan will be crafting a strategy to implement these 5 areas.

Finance- Ron presented a summary report of finances through September MSP.

## 19:17 Teams Progress Reports

Know God- Ed reported that the new logo'd bags are in as are the Bibles. Materials for filler are nearly done. These are new attender handouts, as well as a notice to be greeted. Ed gave a nice encouragement to Pastor Elise for her sermon.

Find Freedom- Jack and the team have been focused on Immerse. 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Immerse and it has gone well. One new small group launched and the other groups are doing well. Carol said it is evident that people are getting into the Word.

Discover Purpose- no report. Ryan informed the Board that the previous Connect Track was quite successful.

Make A Difference- Cindy said that Kylie reported the Ministry Fair booths were awesome and received multiple sign-ups. Gary had new sign-ups for First Fruits. They have received a great amount of donations, blessing for 79 families.

Hispanic Ministry- Elias reported through Erika that 15 kids came to a leader's meeting to learn new leadership skills. The Church gave over \$200 to Kid's Camp. Pastor Elias officiated his first official wedding. Hispanic District Services were held in Beaverton. Membership updates were made to clean-up the rolls. Hispanic Celebration this Sunday at 1 PM, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Staff Reports- no Staff Reports.

CFCA- Ryan read from a written report. Enrollment tours have been busy, 10 new tours last week. Wait lists are being created. The school is entering a season of fun times. A new counselor at the school is a real blessing. A new family from the school has entered into Church membership.

Capital Campaign- Ron reported that we are entering the quiet phase. A planning meeting luncheon was held last month. We have been developing influencers, the lunch was God-timed in this regard. God is going before us, things are going on that we cannot even see. Ed said that we want to "go out boldly". Ed Emberlin is the new Campaign Chair. Ron emphasized that we need to be bold with our prayers.

## 19:45 Business in Process

Monthly City First All Leaders Luncheon- Ryan stressed we aim to create a blessed place where leaders can feel appreciated. The first one went well. Second one is tomorrow. Dream Teamer of the month last month was Cassie Martin.

Youth Pastor Search- Ryan announced that the search has been a success. We are thrilled with Daniel as the new Youth Pastor and are praising God for he and his wife Emma.

19:49 New Business  
No New Business.

19:50 Jack closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rob Martin  
Church Board Secretary  
MSP\*- Moved, Seconded, Passed