

City First Church of the Nazarene
Board Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2025

Present:

CHURCH BOARD: Aleixandra Tejada Vela, Cindi Kinch, Dennis Gregory, Tiffany Price, Terrie Klein

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

Item added to agenda:

- Approving Nominating Committee

Motion to approve new agenda

Seconded, Approved.

- Looking over November's Meeting Minutes
 - Motioned to accept November's minutes by Terrie Klein
 - Second – Tiffany
 - No discussion
 - Approved minutes

Ministry Dashboard

- Upward Trend in attendance
- Classes just started back – find freedom will increase
- Connect track will increase come February

Spiritual Practices Plans

- People are engaging
- Pastor Ryan highly encourages each of us to engage in this plan
- Reminded us how it went from an idea to a vision casting, to a tool, to people utilizing it for spiritual growth.

Classes

- Began this week
- 50 downtown, lower than hoped, but great start
- Hosting a "Discipleship Bands Facilitator Meeting" Next Sunday after classes
 - Interested? Join at 11:15

Ron Gives Financial Update

- "There's something in the air"
- Looking out and seeing young couples and babies, an encouragement
- As we look at October through December, finished the year well. Lower than typical but the trend is up.

- 5 months in the red, but it turned around – a reminder that God is in control and is taking care of our everyday.
- We'd be at the \$600,000 mark if we were to reach our goal.
- Overall, with budget, trending a little bit over, but we'll see how it works out
- Motion to receive November/December report – Cindi
- Second – Tiffany

Teams Updates:

- Melissa – email update
 - New teacher, just the right fit, another teacher “just so happened” to give 2-weeks’ notice right after he started his part time work week.
 - Tours, tours, tours! So great! Enrollment is up!
 - Non-believing family, daughter gave her life to the Lord. As a result, the frustrated, anti-church family, ended up softening and coming around to faith as well.
- Pastor Daniel
 - Getting ready for Retreat! Kids are excited, 15 students are attending!
 - Regular attendance
 - Youth-led worship – in a pinch, and unexpectedly.
- Pastor Kylie
 - Three prayers the Lord has answered, *quickly*
 - Sound person to be an umbrella over all ministries
 - Passionate and worshipful drummers (and guitar players/male vocalists)
 - Young Couples passionate about Jesus/Discipleship
 - Trace and Sam Bailey – coming for Sound soon
 - Corbin and Allison Bushey – he's a drummer, guitar player, vocalist
 - Cory and Dre Blyther – He's a drummer and guitar player

Updates

- **Legacy Offering Amount**
 - Pledged/promised \$50,310
- **HWY 99 IDEA** - Porky's Palace – no-go, but the ministry out there is still a dream sitting in a pot on the warming burner of the stove
- **2nd Service (11am) Combo with Awakening Church IDEA**
 - Pastor's Ryan, Kylie, Clint and Rachel had a conversation that was very positive just talking about “what were initial thoughts/feelings?”
 - There's no urgency here – just initiating this conversation.
- **Tech Director** – They are packing/packed. Pod is ordered! Lease just needs to be covered

- **Ed Emberlin** – Voted *on* the school board, subsequently resigned from church board
- **Camp Kellogg** – District will be selling due to several reasons
- **Pepper Spray** – Pastor Ryan had to utilize pepper gel on someone about 3 weeks ago – after several attempts to deescalate, the man got aggressive with two female neighbors, throwing a chair at them, a shopping cart at Pastor Ryan. EPD was called and came to assist.
- **Year End Schedule** – In paperwork, from budgets, nominating committees, approvals, etc.

New Business Topics

1. 2025 Housing & Professional - approved
 - **Daniel Buckwalter**
 - Housing \$21,600
 - Professional \$1,000
 - **Kylie Green**
 - Housing \$20,000
 - Professional \$3,500
 - **Ryan Green**
 - Housing \$50,000
 - Professional \$3,500
 - **Mark Kelley**
 - Housing \$20,000
 - Professional \$500
2. Nominating Committee - approved

Board went into executive session.

Adjourned at 8pm with a prayer by Terrie.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kylie Green