

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

Present:

CHURCH BOARD: Rob Martin, Dennis Gregory, Cindy Ryan, Tiffany Price, Terrie Klein, Cindi Kinch, Aleixandra Tejada Vela

STAFF (non-voting): Sarah Schoenherr, Ron Alexander, Mark Kelley, Brooke Marcois, Daniel Buckwalter

18:30 Welcome and Prayer- With Pastor Ryan on sabbatical, Rob Martin called the meeting to order and opened in prayer.

18:35 Adopt Agenda- MSP\*

18:35 Approval of May minutes- MSP

18:36 Report of the Officers

1. Ministry Dashboard- The board looked at attendance numbers from this year in comparison with years past. Tiffany is talked to the Celebrate Recovery leadership team about their outreach focus – they have been in a downward trend since 2022.
2. Finance- Ron reported on June and July finances. Income is down, as is attendance. May, June, July have all been in the red. Staff is continuing to watch spending and yet many lines are trending toward overspent. General fund holds 3.2 months of reserve – the goal is always 4-6 months. Money for fence will come from Special Projects line which sits at \$71,902,36. Accounting revision coming for Project Hope and Dove Medical lines which will show they are not actually in the red. - MSP as amended.

18:55 Teams Updates

1. Capital Campaign – Ron shared that he, Ryan, Melissa, Jack and Rob (in Ryan's absence) have been meeting with Christina Lund since the spring. They are getting ready to launch into the quiet phase when the goal is to raise 40%+ of the money before going public and pursuing foundation money. It is a \$35 million project; we are looking for a lead gift of \$5-10 million.
2. City First Christian Academy – Ron reported that McIntyre Construction recently completed \$30,000 worth of work in the Warrior Center and only charged the school \$10,000.
3. Staff Reports-
  - a. Pastor Daniel- Over the summer, as church attendance is down, so is youth attendance. Over 30 individual teens have been involved at some point over the summer which sets the youth group up for a strong fall season. Camps were good, with 1 middle schooler attending and 3 high schoolers attending, including on high school girl who was baptized in the

Holy Spirit. The goal for this school year is that the students would have 1000 unique spiritual conversations with other students. Daniel is focusing on equipping and training teenagers to be disciples and make disciples.

- b. Pastor Mark- Getting ready for fall launch of Sunday classes and small groups. Most small groups are continuing with 1 new group coming. For Sunday classes, Krysta Matsen will lead Freedom Group, CAFA will teach a class, and we will have 1 or 2 others. The Senior Adults had a successful picnic with the team already talking about ideas to make it even better next year. Next up are lunch at Roaring Rapids on 9/12 and Bingo on 10/11.
- c. Brooke- She loves her job and feels like each week is better than the one before. There has been lots of change this summer with almost half of the consistent weekly attendance graduating to the youth group. No Sunday class over summer has given the team a good break and has allowed Brooke to get into a good routine, schedule and classroom flow. She is preparing for a team meeting to go over policy and procedures.

#### 19:30 Business in Process/Updates

- 1. South Building Fence – We looked into upgraded material but it was too expensive. Continuing with original bid. Changing basement area to chain link.
- 2. NBC Board Meeting cost – Finance team recommends we split cost with Ryan's professional fund - MSP

19:35 Closing prayer by Terrie; Meeting adjourned by Rob

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Schoenherr  
Office Manager

\*Moved, Seconded, Passed