

Elder Meeting Summary

09/01/26

Absent – none

Recap

The meeting covered several major areas: multiplication, financial and facility updates, and family ministries updates.

Action Items

- **Elders:** Pray for the various family ministries that are kicking off on 9/13/26.
- **Elders:** Record a video of affirmation/encouragement (max 3 mins) for their shepherded staff member by **September 20th**.
- **Selected Elders:** Record a 20-minute devotional video on specific themes (Jesus's love for the Father, people, and teaching/discipling).

Decisions

- **Approval of the 08/18/26 Elder Meeting Minutes:** The elder meeting minutes from the 08/18/26 meeting was approved with no objections.
- **Motion - 401 Pierson Rd Budget:** Chip Mershon - ***Motion to approve \$34,000 out of the General Fund to complete the 401 Pierson Rd renovation.*** Dan Heller - second. Motion carried without objection.
- **Congregational Meeting Communication** – Building budget = \$5.5M, expect to spend ~\$5.4M+. Parking Budget = \$1.5M, spent \$588k and stopped. We have borrowed \$300k. The goal would be to pay this debt off by 12/31/2026.
- **Other budget items:**
 1. **Auditorium Lighting** - Wait until income and expenses are finalized to consider lighting upgrade.
 2. **Van** - table discussion for now.
 3. **Phase 3 Parking** - Pause further parking expansion (Phase 3) as the need does not justify the investment.

Financial Status & Project 242

- **Engagement:** Joel shared high level details related to Project 242 giving.
- **General Fund:** Current fund balance is **\$98,922.22 as of 6/30/26**. The fund is currently in a minor deficit position for the year.
- **Solar Project:** The church is awaiting a **\$244,000** rebate from the IRS.

- **Project 242 (Building/Parking):**
 - Total budget was **\$7 million**.
 - Expected spend is approximately **\$6.1 million**, including approximately **\$5.5 million** for the building and **\$588,000** for parking/land development that has already been spent.
 - So far, we have spent ~\$4.8 million on the building with a remaining building budget yet to be paid of approximately **\$697,000**.
 - **\$912,000** for Phase 3 Parking (Soccer Field) to be deferred.

Ministry Updates & Staffing

- **Ministry Progress:**
 - **Kidmin/Adults:** Over 300 women in WBF and 42 two-year-olds in Thursday programs.
 - **Crossover:** Implementing a new approach mirroring Sunday morning preaching (Hebrews).
 - **Prayer Gatherings:** Energy has increased. Growth noted in Cocalico/Denver and Lebanon County areas. Hempfield second meeting has not happened yet.