

**Burke Community Church**  
**Council of Elders Meeting Minutes**  
**May 6, 2019, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Discussion Leader: Dave DuHadway**

**Attendees:**

Bob Ashton (Elder), Marty Baker (Pastor/Elder), Darren Brown (Pastor), Richard Dick (Elder), Dave DuHadway (Elder), George Lare (Elder), Paul Schmidt (Elder)

The meeting opened with prayer at 6:45 p.m.

**I. Business**

<b>Discussion Lead</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Council	Approve minutes of April 13, 2019 meeting
Council	Finalize slides for May congregational meeting; discuss feedback from information meetings and adjust talking points as needed; establish quorum
Allen Miller, Paul Schmidt	Parking Expansion Committee update
Strategy Subcommittee	Review status of Strategy Subcommittee
Richard Dick	Discuss adjusting elder rotation per Constitution
Council	Discuss scheduling, focus of Staff-Elder offsite
Pastors Marty, Darren	Present current vision for Care and Counseling Center
Pastors Marty, Darren	Staff update

**II. Meeting Notes**

- a. **Minutes.** Elders approved the minutes of the April 13, 2019 Council of Elders meeting.
- b. **May 19, 2019 Congregational Meeting .** After reviewing membership rolls, the Council agreed on a quorum of 165. The Council agreed that inactive members can continue to sign the membership covenant and be reactivated but that members who sign the covenant at the May 19 meeting will not be included in the quorum for that meeting. The Council discussed the restriction found in Robert’s Rules of Order prohibiting non-members from speaking at business meetings and elected not to enforce that restriction, trusting to the chairman to manage discussion at congregational meetings. The Council reviewed the draft slides for the meeting.
- c. **Parking Expansion Committee.** Paul Schmidt and Dick Riordan walked the areas under consideration for parking expansion. They assessed that the non-adjacent area proposed for parking would be challenging and expensive for construction but felt that exchanging

land to move the church's stormwater retention pond and using the existing pond area for parking could yield 50-60 spots. Paul asked the Council to consider how much that might be worth. George challenged the Council to seek God boldly for 165 spots. The Committee has contacted the lawyer and is working with the church's civil engineer.

- d. **Strategy Subcommittee.** The Strategy Subcommittee will present their framework and plan at the staff-elder offsite in August.
- e. **Elder rotation.** Richard briefed the Council on the need to adjust the term of one elder from the 2019 cohort in order to meet the requirement of the new Constitution to even out the number of elders rotating in a given year. The Council will continue to pray and discuss various adjustment options.
- f. **Staff-elder offsite.** Council discussed appropriate staff involvement at the offsite and agreed to leave the decision to Pastors Marty and Darren. Bob Ashton volunteered to host the offsite at his house.
- g. **Care and Counseling Center.** Pastor Darren briefed the Council that the staff looked forward to opening the center in summer 2021 and that they were discussing how the existing kitchen and pantry might be best used to meet needs in the local area. Pastors Marty and Darren are still reviewing the Care and Counseling Center proposal from Pastor Bob Thornton.
- h. **Staff update.** The Council agreed that, in view of the very small moving expenses that Isaac Loveday is likely to incur, he would be authorized to use part of his moving allowance toward an apartment deposit.

Following a closing prayer, the Council adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Richard Dick,  
Clerk of the Council of Elders