

Burke Community Church
Council of Elders Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2018, 6:30 p.m.
Discussion Leader: Pastor Marty Baker

Attendees:

Bob Ashton (Elder), Marty Baker (Pastor/Elder), Richard Dick (Elder), Dave DuHadway (Elder), Curt Hammill (Elder), Gordon Kesting (Elder), Allen Miller (Elder), Joe Terry (Elder)

The meeting opened with prayer at 6:40 p.m.

I. Business

Discussion Lead	Topic
Council	Approve minutes for COE Meeting July 21, 2018
Council	Review final preparations for offsite
Governance Subcommittee	Update Council on status of by-law changes
Council	Review preparations for upcoming special congregational meeting
Pastor Darren	Update Council on status of audit report
Dave DuHadway	Brief Council on schedule for rules of order training
Pastor Darren	Update Council on staff planning for 2019 budget and ministry plan
Pastors Marty, Darren	Update Council on status of BCC security plan

II. Meeting Notes

- a. **Minutes.** Elders approved the final version of the minutes from the July 21, 2018 meeting. There were no formal executive session minutes.
- b. **Offsite.** The Council reviewed the current agenda. Marty briefed the Council on his ongoing work to clarify and flesh out BCC's strategy. Elders decided that, while the Friday night session will focus on governance (see below), the Saturday agenda would flow from the four pillars of strategic planning and from Marty's proposed strategy, along with Pastor Michael Coffey's presentation on missions. Pastor Bob Thornton's work on the proposed Care and Counseling Center will be incorporated later. Pastor Marty committed to provide his draft strategy after he has reviewed it with Pastor Darren.
- c. **Security Plan.** The Council postponed discussion until Pastors Marty and Darren are ready to present a draft plan to the Council.
- d. **Governance.** Elders agreed to provide Curt comments on the draft recently provided by the BCC lawyer prior to an August 13, 2018 meeting of the Governance Subcommittee.

Curt will host the meeting at his home. The meeting will focus on how best to educate the congregation on the numerous changes proposed, some of which are highly technical. Dave asked about whether the articles of incorporation will be changed in addition to the constitution. Richard indicated that, so far as he knew, the articles would not be changed. The Council then went into Executive Session to formulate a number of questions for the BCC lawyer.

- e. **Rules of Order Training.** Dave discussed the key elements of the upcoming Special Congregational Meeting, including identifying a chairman, specifying any limits on debate, and determining the wording of motions to dissolve BCC under the existing constitution and then recreate it under the new constitution. The Council agreed to seek the lawyer's input on the last item.
- f. **Building.** The Elders discussed contingency funding in Executive Session. Gordon specifically praised Tansy Schindler's effective work in identifying potential cost impacts of upcoming risks. Curt asked Pastor Marty to encourage the congregation to continue to focus on fulfilling their existing pledges. Marty reiterated that the staff has no plans to restart the video venue in the fall because of the shortage of meeting space due to ongoing construction.
- g. **Audit Report, Staff Budget Preparations.** The Council postponed discussion of these items since medical appointments precluded Pastor Darren's attendance.
- h. **Online Attendance.** Pastor Marty and Ben are analyzing online attendance in an attempt to gain greater insight into who is accessing the services online and for how long, as well as how online attendees are distributed geographically. The Council expressed interest in any possible correlation between online attendance and construction-induced parking restrictions. Allen noted that, while onsite attendance was lower than in previous years, giving has been relatively steady- an occasion for praise.
- i. **Staff Updates.** Pastor Marty informed the Council that the pastoral search firm Chemistry plans to provide Marty and Darren with 8-10 potential candidates for high school pastor next week. Pastor Marty briefed the Council on Jennifer Bertuna's growing impact in reaching out to first- and second-time visitors.

The Elder meeting adjourned following a closing prayer at 9:15 p.m.

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