

GCC Elder Meeting Minutes – February 7, 2017

Attendees: Pastor Chris Stephens, Robin Wantoch. Tricia Elsbury, Fran Yanuzzi, Paul Kattner, Ron Kilik, and Laura Kassel. Absent: Tom Hood

Paul Kattner opened the meeting at 7:15 p.m. and gave the opening prayer.

1. Prayer time – The Elders shared prayer concerns and spent time in collective prayer.

2. Purchase Option for Property on SE corner near GCC– The Elders discussed the potential merits and concerns about possibly purchasing the property on the corner of Grand and O’Plaine in advance of the congregational meeting on Sunday. We agreed the goal for the congregational meeting was to present options along with the Elders recommendation. The Elders discussed in detail whether we should pursue the property from two perspectives – if money was no object vs. if money was an issue. Each Elder shared their viewpoint and brought out additional points to consider such as:
 - Whether the purchase would align with GCC’s long-term strategies
 - Whether we would need the property for additional parking – short-term vs. long-term
 - How it would be used if we did purchase it
 - The costs involved in purchasing the property and razing the building
 - What the best use of that money would be – purchasing the property or updating our current building
 - Whether this would be our only opportunity to ever purchase it
 - How we would fund the purchase of the property if that was the decision of the congregation

The Elders collective recommendation is to not purchase the property at this juncture. This will be presented to the congregation at the meeting as a motion, yet we want the congregation to ask questions and discuss the options openly at the meeting. Ultimately this is a congregational matter to be decided upon by those present at the meeting. Paper ballots will be used to protect confidentiality of voting.

The Elders discussed the wording of the motion and then Pastor Chris noted that he prepare an information packet to be made available for the congregation prior to the meeting.

Paul Kattner closed the meeting in prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectively Submitted,
Laura Kassel,
Board of Elders