

GURNEE COMMUNITY CHURCH  
BOARD OF ELDER'S MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

Present: Pastor Chris, Robin Wantoch, Tom Hood, Tricia Elsbury, Amy Gibes, Fran Yanuzzi and Steve Saunders.

Absent: Ron Kilik

Start/ 6:40 P.M. /at the home of Robin Wantoch

- Robin opened our meeting in prayer
- God Sightings/Prayer - Shared joys and celebrations of witnessing God's hand in our lives.
- Prayers for GCC and the community
- Discussed chapters 12 & 13 of current book, *The Rest of the Gospel*, prepare chapter 14 & 15 for our meeting of October 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Discussion of church membership, ideas about why people or families attend what frequency. Families, Sunday school, changes, drifting, the business of life, cultural factors, finding community outside of church. Steve and Amy will explore where God may be leading in this.
- Long Term Capital Plan – Steve shared highlight of meeting goals
  - Perspective as a direction – Who is Your Neighbor
  - What about our facility helps or hinders your ministry?
  - How can we leverage our facility to be For Our Neighbors 5-10 years down the road?
  - Avoid building for yesterday – build for now
  - Elder challenge – Who are our neighbors?
    - (Action item) over the next two elder meetings
- Elder connection with staff members
- State of the Church
  - Council of Vicinage is scheduled for 07JAN18
  - Service of Ordination 14JAN18 for Pastor Paul
  - Brian looking for scheduling Pastoral Renewal Leave
  - Service in the park was a considerable success, will be an annual event
  - Some modifications to Directors meeting to avoid long meetings
  - Chris will be gone for next elder meeting, Fran will also be out of the country
  - Staff lunch is now on Wednesday
  - Venue position remains open
  - Prayers for health of Barb Hintz and Susan Packer
  - Eva Dooley is to be here 17OCT17 either at GCC or Tom's home
  - Tom closed our time in prayer at 8:20

Submitted by Tricia Elsbury  
Board of Elders/Secretary