

Go! Together Pastors' Meeting Minutes
Gurnee Community Church
March 19, 2015

Attendance: Ben Squires, Chris Stephens, Dan Weyerhaeuser, Matt Kearney, Todd Habegger and Terry Erickson

1. The meeting began with an encouraging story about someone intentionally reaching out to her neighborhood. II Peter 3:9 was read and we were encouraged to pray for "people to come to repentance" through our neighborhood ministry.

2. We each shared surprises in our life and ministry. We encouraged each other by testifying how God answered prayers from our last meeting. We also shared new concerns and prayed together.

3. The pastors presented their cases for selecting the next neighborhood gathering location. We discussed the pros and cons of each neighborhood. We decided to host our next neighborhood gathering in South Ridge in April. The other two options were Delany and Pembroke neighborhoods. We will revisit those two options at our next meeting.

4. The next step in preparing for the neighborhood gathering in South Ridge is to decide on the date. The leaders of the South Ridge group are Jim and Jenn Uren. They will decide the date and location as soon as possible. Pastors, please plan to personally invite everyone in your church from this neighborhood to the gathering. Pastors Dan and Todd are open to hosting this event.

5. We brainstormed answers to the question, "What is Go! Together?"
The following are concepts, words and ideas that describe Go! Together?

- One church, one mission, purposeful unity
- Partnership, Team ministry
- Grass roots
- Mission, missional
- Catalytic
- Synergy
- Collaboration
- Coalition
- Community
- Outreach, Evangelistic, Witness
- Church-on-the-go
- Coaction
- Capitalize

6. We shared ideas for regaining Go! Together communication, momentum and market share. Here were our initial ideas:

- Use concrete illustrations from Go ministry in our sermons
- Show pictures and logos of other churches and pastors in our communication
- Pulpit exchanges in May or August
- Gathering of our partners for training and encouragement
- Work on developing a culture of prayer around Go! Together

7. Directors comments

- We need to redirect people from the Go Project website to The Go Together Website on our church's websites.
- Introduced a draft brochure to distribute to our congregation. The idea was well received so we will continue our production of it.
- Planning a reception for Go Pastors and Go Leaders.

8. Next Meeting is Thursday, April 16 at 8:30 – 10:30 am. A key topic of discussion will be the 24/7 Prayer Room in June.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Erickson