

Church Development Committee Minutes
Wed March 20, 2019 @ Goleta, Presbytery Office, 10am-1pm

Prayer

Lee led in a devotional through Psalm 139

Approved Agenda

Council and Presbytery Updates

In May Pres meeting (in Pismo), for nomination committee, Craig Williams as new chair of CDC. Sept 21st Presbytery in Summerland. Mickey will share 1001 NWC grant application and assessment process for churches. Sean Chow avail Tues Nov 12th @ Monte Vista for follow up

New Worshipping Community Updates

For each NWC, we shared highlights of what God is doing, prayer requests, what they would like our committee, council and Presbytery to know, financial updates, what would be helpful from CDC to support them, and what's coming up

- Worship at the Park and Bob Ramos (Ron gone-tabled for next meeting)
- Esperanza Viva, La Ancla (Ron gone-tabled for next meeting)
- *Front Porch* Susan shared an update from Front Porch Council (see minutes below). Joel present on the phone.

Front Porch Update for CDC on 3/20/19

I. Changes in Council membership/roles

A. Added two new members

A.1 Craig Williams, Pastor Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

A.2 Monty Waltz, Cal Poly grad and father of recent Front Porch grad.

B. Susan Updegrove now Council Chair.

II. Planning an all strategic planning meeting on 4/8 with all council members and staff to clarify direction of Front Porch into the future, address fund raising.

III. Director's Report

A. In process of selecting interns for next year

B. 100's of students enjoyed a pancake breakfast 3/19 during final week, a FP tradition

C. Front Porch closed next week for spring break

IV. Financial Report

A. Jan - Feb, 2019 Income: \$34,724, Expenses: \$49,418 (\$14,694)

A.1 Church Support: \$15,548, individual support: \$10,456

B.1 Kyle Smith, Community Relations lead is working with Mark McGilvary to contact all churches in the Presbytery and many in San Luis Obispo

V. Plans for a spring event were shelved but are in the planning stages for next year. Some council members will plan smaller local events.

VI. Status of 1001 New Worshipping Communities

A. Front Porch will probably not pursue another grant. Front Porch does not see itself as a church with a session and members but is regarded as church by many of the students who frequent Front Porch.

B. Front Porch would like to see CDC as the communication link with Presbytery Council. *(End Minutes)*

Joel shared highlights of staff working together wonderfully this past year as bright spot. 5 intern applications. 115 volunteers serving. 300 students Wed nights. It was discussed the confusion between who to communicate with at Presbytery, between Task Force, Council, and CDC. Recognized much of the concern may now be represented on CDC, with Craig, Susan, Mickey going forward.

To Presbytery Council:

CDC makes a motion to: 1) with gratitude thank F.P task force for service 2) to dissolve FP Task Force 3) allow oversight to CDC to develop and communicate a written relationship between Front Porch, its council and the SB Presbytery. Mickey motion, seconded and approved.

As part of this, Matt will start a brief history. CDC will write up. Will include mutual accountability, first to COM for Joel, second to FP Council, to CDC, Susan will send out a copy of FP guidelines, bylaws), include and define process of hiring with Personnel of Presbytery, financial accountability and communication, etc.

These are the question CDC and Front Porch will work on together the next 6 months:

1. What's the relationship between FP and Presbytery?
2. Is there a better way FP fits in with Presbytery other than CDC?
3. What role does FP want in the Presbytery? What are the financial and personnel expectations from both sides?

- *Resurrection Church*
Grant approved. Money received. Check sent to Coastal Community. Craig will meet with Andy as coach.
- *The Way Station*
Mickey gave an update. Hit hard with struggles, illness for Mickey Jan, Feb. Support going well for pastors preaching (David A, Craig, Tom, others from local churches). Celebrating new people attending, families getting connected. Prayers for grief and loss. Mickey graduating in Fall.

Other updates including mission studies:

- *Update from First Pres Santa Barbara and St. Andrews*

First Pres, rough draft Mission Study to session (Lee).

Highlights, waiting for congregational survey info, recognize the broader community they serve is not just SB area. Recommendations will be made for next steps.

Suggestions for neighborhood Exegesis, more an important principal. Assess community needs. Proceeding with PNC.

St. Andrews, Steve Jacobson, interim. Susan Malloy, Judith Muller serving too. Lee will follow up that they know there is a mission study process. Want to make sure with COM, that we put out an email to churches going through transition, create a short list and give to the PNC, session, for pulpit supply, moderate session.

How can we help? Ask Sandy to include in all-church email, contact CDC.

- *Goleta Mission Study*-approved with recommendations.
- *Moorpark Mission Study*-approved with recommendations
- *Stonebridge Church, Simi Valley*, study sent. Neal Nybo contacted. Jonathan gave Matt an update (via phone) that the MST is in place and working through discernment. One way they are receiving congregational feedback is through 2 congregational meetings called: "What's Next? See website: <https://stonebridgesimi.com/resources/whats-next>

They are seeking to discover the heartbeat of Stone Bridge by discussing "our values, elements we need to keep, things that need improvement, things that need to be let go of." Dr. Neal Nybo (author of *Discovering your church's next step: Finding an entire congregation's heartbeat and direction for the future*) is

experienced in working through this transitional time and others from our Presbytery are invited to be a part of this process to learn.

Saturday April 27th or May 4th 8:30-12 noon at Stonebridge, Simi Valley

General timeline is June/July to finish this “what’s next” input form congregation in preparation for PNC.

Safe Harbor-Cambria Update (Tom, Lana, Julia, Monty present)

Membership: Sandy shared membership transfer information. NCD's do not hold members, since they're not chartered. The Presbytery can hold the people as members, upon recommendation from the oversight committee (CDC) and approval of the Presbytery at a Presbytery meeting. The other option is for the partnering church to hold the members on its roll until the NCD is chartered.

Members transferring from another PC(USA) church would then be added the same way, approval by CDC and Presbytery. This could be done on a regular or yearly basis, depending how the CDC and NCD decide to do it.

If the Presbytery holds the members, the memberships are kept on the Presbytery membership and reported as Miscellaneous members to the OGA in the annual membership statistics. The Presbytery is responsible for paying the Per Capita for these members. CDC could set a procedure for the NCD to cover the per capita.

As a response to this, Safe Harbor will be invited to become members at the Pismo meeting. Pray and give thanks. This can be done under CDC agenda. Note for Council as we set May Presbytery agenda. Follow up with exact names to receive.

Worship: Safe Harbor continues to worship Tuesday evenings in the community through Dinner and Fellowship and Sunday afternoons (18-20 people) at St. Paul's Episcopal church. Tom has been coordinating pulpit supply in Eugenia's absence (continuing to pray for health and healing!) Their plan is to share upcoming vision and budget with congregation soon and have appreciated the shared vision with St. Paul's rector regarding service to the community, which is at the heart of Safe Harbor's mission, too.

Budget: Safe Harbor shared detailed budget info and projected 2019 and 2020, with new pastor options in mind going forward. According to Safe Harbor accounting and to be confirmed with Bonnie, Gracious dismissal funds remaining for 2018, \$76,273. Projected funds after 2019 \$47,413, with an intent to pursue grant opportunities through 1001 NWC.

NCD Strategic Planning and Leadership: Safe Harbor provided plans for stabilization, discernment, and leadership with a PNC. It was discussed in length next steps to come alongside and support Safe Harbor and their leadership. Eugenia is the current NCD pastor.

Names were provided to the Safe Harbor leadership team. Matt, Craig and Mickey will have lunch after meeting and continue to explore this.

Pray and Adjourn

Notes for Council: Motion above

Next meetings: Wed May 29th and August 28th, 2019 CDC: Matt Elam, Eugenia Gamble, Lee Kirkpatrick, Ron Urzua, Craig Williams, Mickey Fenn, Susan Updegrove