

MX Elder Meeting

Nov. 7, 2023

Attendees: Brad Stevens (chair), Bret Blackford, Don Fitzgerald, Dave Weiler
Jeff Kryder, Nathan Strickland, Jeremiah Haywood

Agenda:

We will start at 6:00 P.M. Lord willing.

1. A song of Hannah – [1 Samuel 2: 1-10](#) and Opening Prayer
 2. People
 3. A report from the ministers
 4. A report from the Vision Elders
 5. A report from the Admin Elders
 6. Old Business
Auditorium Update – Bret Blackford
 7. New Business
 - a. Communication Proposal
 - b. Directory
 - c. Dannegger Bros. Proposal
 - d. Pancake breakfast
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2. PEOPLE:

- Eli & Cortney Parkinson – new members – kids Zoey ~ 7th grade, Zach in 5th grade
- Marcei & Daryll here on Sunday
- Keith Cooper – former Mid-County member & lives in Valley Park
- Bob Hopper - back after absent for a while (wife Stephanie recently died)
- Carolyn & Will – just moved here. He is an engineer at Boeing and she went to Harding

3. MINISTRIES

- **Kryder**
 - Retreat at Perry Gabbert's cabin: Jeff Kryder, Nathan Strickland, Jeremiah Haywood, Jeremy Picker
 - Started laying out plans for 2023
 - Thoughts on Connect Groups and NextGen
 - How do we help the older members to engage with NextGen ?
 - "Let these children come unto me" – Let the NextGen come unto me.
- **Jeremiah**
 - Christmas play – Dec 18 with Valeri Creech and Gwen Walker
 - Youth Group will help with set
 - Catie Ward and new baby
 - Trunk-or-Treat – went well
 - Shannon Miller and son River – her work as a nurse has been busy
- **Nathan**
 - Focusing on Refuge – this weekend
 - Separate meetings with some of the kids
 - Helping with the Christmas play
 - Discussion about the possibility of having a few ACTS students help teach the Youth Group.

4. VISION ELDERS

- a) Jeannie Britzmann – how to backfill her work and not overwhelm Elizabeth McPherson
 - Review job descriptions of Elizabeth and Jeannie and Elizabeth reviewing to see how she can merge these.
 - Church Events – each full-time staff will take lead on an event
- b) Elizabeth McPherson – Admin Elders (Steve A & Steve W) met with Elizabeth as summarized [here](#).
- c) Dolores Miller – retire soon and how will we manage her responsibilities
- d) Jeremy Picker – long-term plan, after done with Youth Group assistance with Nathan Strickland

5. ADMIN ELDERS

- a) Meeting next Tuesday Nov. 14 to discuss 2023 budget

6. OLD BUSINESS

a) Auditorium Update – Bret

- New lighting – finally had the new stage spotlights and lighting controls installed. Original contract and project details [here](#).
- Old auditorium lighting – when replacing the light fixture over the podium some water damage was noticed. If similar damage occurred on all the auditorium light fixtures there may be cause for alarm. Elite, the contractor who installed the new lighting system, provided the following write up [here](#). Elite estimated replacement to cost about \$60,000. More info [here](#).
- New electric controls – the new digital control system for the auditorium gives greater flexibility to the ambiance and feel for various events. The system is also much easier to use and provides “presets” to be defined. The Worship team, primarily Jeremy Picker, is working to learn the system and configure it for use at MX.
- Old electric panels – The old section of the building uses several Federal Pacific Electric Panels which have come under scrutiny. To date we have not had any code violations or insurance issues with these panels. No urgency on addressing these but multiple bids (at least 3) should be obtained to replace (at some point in the future). Panel photos [here](#).

7. NEW BUSINESS

a) Communication

b) Directory

- Jeff Kryder – review membership and working to understand who might need to be taken off
- People want a pictorial directory - prefer a paper directory

c) Danegger Bros. Proposal – [here](#)

- Tuckpointing at circle – about \$8,000
- Elders agreed to proceed with correcting the corrosion on the brick at the circle drive area.

d) Pancake Breakfast – Dec 18

- Steve Awtrey and Becky Kryder leading work

e) Christmas Eve Service @ 4:30 pm

- Expect a small crowd as worship is on Christmas day.
- Christmas Day – on Sunday may not get a large crowd – won’t be the pageantry of high church

f) Honduras trip – Angie and Jon Earnhart would like to plan another mission trip to Honduras. Would like to ask for money to help with expenses. They talked with Jeff Kryder, who recommended they talk with the Mission Committee (Dave Weiler). Angie Earnhart did leave a message for Dave Weiler.