

Elders Meeting

January 8, 2024

6pm – 8pm

Attendees: Steve Walker (chair), Don Fitzgerald, Brad Stevens, Bret Blackford, Dave Weiler, Steve Awtry, Jeff Kryder, Jeff McGlawn (visit), Ross Brown (visit)

A. Devotional

Judges 7 – trusting God, even when it seems overwhelming.

B. Welcome Prospective Elders

- Briefly discuss the format and expectation.
- Give Dave and Bret an opportunity to share from their experiences when they were under consideration.
- Give Ross Brown and Jeff McGlawn opportunities to ask questions about the process.

Misc Elder Info.:

- a. MX Shepherd Covenant - <http://tinyurl.com/4hxc7mw>
- b. MX Shepherd Model - <http://tinyurl.com/3j3vacn3>
- c. What Elders Do - <http://tinyurl.com/5t4pw49w>

C. MX Family and Friends Updates/Prayer

{{ various }}

D. Jeff Kryder

- Upcoming Series – *7 Steps of a Disciple*
Q: What is a disciple and how do we reach other people?
- Leadership Conference - January 20, 2024 at McKnight 8:30 – 1:30ish

E. Q1&2 MX and Elder Priorities

- Tasks, Interpretation, Communication and Timeline
 - No communication topics or date(s) set – to be discussed at future mtgs.
- Preacher search timeline
 - Senior preacher orientation
 - Bret submitted this draft information to assist potential candidates the Vision Elders – info [here](http://tinyurl.com/5fjbrdx) - <http://tinyurl.com/5fjbrdx>
 - Bret will help coordinate the soft search with direction from Vision Elders.
- Dave Weiler LGBTQ update
 - Will address at a future Elder meeting
- Other

F. Resource Assessment – Availability

- Dave Weiler Health Update
Heart valve repair later in January
- 2024 Budget – Dave Weiler
Draft shared with Elders. Official budget available soon.
- Louis West Update
Steve Walker talked with Louis and Joyce West. Louis is ready to step down as an elder and will record a video to share with congregation. Specific date to be determined.
- Ross and Jeff M. Roles Q1-2
TBD – to be determined

G. Communication to Congregation (Preacher Search, LGBTQ, Budget and Other)

- Trigger points for communication
- Methods
- Communicator

- H. **Marseille** (<https://www.chapelledefuveau.fr/>) – Steve Awtrey
- Craig Young preached at McKnight Sunday January 6, 2024. Sermon [here](http://tinyurl.com/2s3h3z9c) - <http://tinyurl.com/2s3h3z9c>
 - Marseille church has an opportunity to purchase additional land.
 - MX Elders have agreed to try and “give generously” from existing capital funds or from the sale of one of the rental homes. Amount and how to be determined – Admin Elders will work on possibilities.
 - [Generosity for a Generation](http://tinyurl.com/mwxwdhy5) – detail on the opportunity - <http://tinyurl.com/mwxwdhy5>
- I. Discuss Eric McPherson request that MX allow **CFS to host a *Racial Reconciliation*** movie and discussion lead by Aaron Layton.
- Elders approve allowing CFS to host an event at the building February 24, 2024.
- J. **Shelly Update**
- Steve Awtry is still counseling those involved.
- K. **Discuss Inviting Todd Mayberry to join the prospective Elder group.**
- Did not discuss
- L. **Schedule Next Meeting**
- To Be Determined (TBD) – Steve Walker to chair
- M. **Miscellaneous**

KidMin Update January 8, 2024

- Yesterday, we **started our curriculum** again. Our kids seemed to be happy to be back on a normal schedule.
- Tonight is our first **Council meeting**. I am happy to see what God does through this informative time with my team.
- The NextGen team is working on the **Level 60 Game Night** which will happen on January 26th. If you're 60 and up, please register for this fun game night that is meant to build community with one another and our NextGen kids and youth.
- I am attempting to bring our **Father-Daughter team** back together to lead this awesome event. It truly was a great time last year!

YM Update January 8, 2024

- A good group of us (3 adults, 10 students) are heading to Kansas City this Friday for the **Youth in Action conference**. Please be praying for safe travels and for God to touch the hearts of our students this weekend. We'll return on Monday the 15th (MLK day).
- We have our **Spring Retreat at Neotez** coming up March 8-10. The theme is "Go and Tell," based on Mark 5:19. I'll be bringing in some church members to give some testimonies that weekend.
- I had some people in mind that I asked to be my **summer intern** over the past couple months, but nothing has worked out. This month I'm gonna be digging real hard and reaching out to many to find our next intern -- will keep you posted.
- We have our **annual area wide worship night** (Encounter) with the STLAYM ministers on Sunday the 28th. Looking to have a good time with our area wide youth group friends!
- Students seem to be doing well. Working with the leadership team on how we can maintain wellness and reach those on the outskirts

MX Youth Group Newsletter (Jan. 8, 2024) – [here](http://tinyurl.com/3vmv5xzj) - <http://tinyurl.com/3vmv5xzj>

Weekly Bulletin (Jan. 10, 2024) – [here](http://tinyurl.com/mrydws4h) - <http://tinyurl.com/mrydws4h>

2023 Year-End Elder Mtg Notes (Dec. 4, 2023) – [here](http://tinyurl.com/4nme9yet) - <http://tinyurl.com/4nme9yet>