

MX Shepherds Meeting

January 3, 2022

Attendees: Don Fitzgerald, Steve Haupt, Jon Earnhart, Lane Hamm, Bret Blackford, Brad Stevens, Steve Walker (via phone)

1. Michalie announcement

- a. Announcement planned for January 16, 2022
- b. Announcement will be made at end of sermon. Lane Hamm will do the elder close of the Sunday sermon on NextGen.
- c. Youth Group will be dismissed when children are dismissed for worship. Michalie (along with Steve Awtrey) will then have an opportunity to announce her resignation to Youth Group.

2. Interim Children's Coordinator

- a. Elders agreed that Gwen Walker is a great interim replacement for Heather Goff. Gwen is well educated, trained and qualified.
- b. Administrative Elders should send Gwen an offer letter
 - i. Gwen to work with Heather Goff to understand role and Gwen can let the elders know how many hours she expects each week
 - ii. Admin Elders to cc Jeannie Britzmann on offer letter so Jeannie and Elizabeth McPherson can get the new hire paperwork started.
 - iii. Admin Elders should contact Heather Goff so she knows Gwen will be getting with her soon to start planning the transition.

3. Member Directory

- a. Elders went through the current directory and attempted to determine if individuals were a) known current members, b) uncertain and need follow-up, c) no contact for a while and need to send letter (see example letter at [Attachment A](#))

4. People

- a. Jerry Mickey home from stay at hospital due to COVID. Jerry going through a difficult relationship after a difficult divorce and not sure if he will be comfortable worshipping at McKnight (due to presence of prior girlfriend).
- b. Keaton and Cathy Jones – guests in their house have dependency issues as well as COVID.

5. Other:

- Steve Awtrey shared this article earlier in the week [8 Disruptive Church Trends That Will Rule 2021 \(The Rise of the Post Pandemic Church\) by Carey Nieuwhof](#). Some thought the key to the article was **connection**. As a church, how do we build and maintain connections?
- Sunday service cancellations. It was decided to leave the decision to cancel Sunday service (due to snow, etc.) with Dave weiler and Jeremy Picker, who will contact Dolores Miller to email congregation with any cancellation.

Google Docs – [here](#)

- [Preaching calendar](#)
- [Shepherd Meeting calendar](#)
- [Tuesday Staff Meeting schedule](#)
 - 1/4/2022 Brad Stevens
 - 1/11/2022 Steve Haupt
 - 1/18/2022 Wole Okunade

Next Elder Meeting: TBD Brad Stevens

Attachment A

Below is an example, a draft, of a letter to be sent to members where we have lost contact.

[date]

[name]

[address]

[address]

Dear [name],

It has been a while since we last heard from you or seen you. We sincerely hope this letter finds you well and thriving.

In the process of working on our new online pictorial directory, we made several attempts to contact you but were unsuccessful. Presently, you are still in our database as an active participant of McKnight Crossings Church of Christ, and therefore in our directory.

If circumstances have kept you away, but you are still planning to pursue an active relationship with our church, please contact the office by calling (314) 962-7026 or emailing Dolores at dmiller@mcknightcrossings.org. Let us know specifically that you would like to maintain your active status.

On the other hand, if you have moved or changed situations and can no longer join us, feel free to respond to this letter and let us know. We would love to have an update on your family! Please note, however, that if we do not receive any response within the next few weeks, we will presume we should inactivate your status at McKnight Crossings Church and proceed accordingly.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kindest Regards,
The McKnight Elders