

12.27.2021 MX Elder Meeting

Attendees: Keaton Jones, Wole Okunade, Louis West, Brad Stevens (chair), Glenn Devania, Dave Weiler, Bret Blackford (notes), Don Fitzgerald

Note: Meeting started at 6:00 PM CST but Bret had to leave at 7:00. Notes below reflect discussion during that time. Dave Weiler will need to fill in any additional key items missed.

Bret made an initial statement recognizing that this past Sunday, December 26, 2021 we had a woman preach the Sunday sermon. This is a seminal event for our faith tradition.

Dave Weiler then led a discussion through current issues. Noting that these are just discussions with no decisions being made until the regular elder meeting scheduled for January 3, 2022.

1. **Replacing Heather Goth with a Children's Minister** (not Coordinator).
 - Currently not many children attending in person but still many on the roster (see [Attachment A](#))
 - Focus on young children is expected to help draw/retain young families
 - We have Gwen Walker willing to fill-in while we search for a full-time Children's Minister.

2. **Michalie Brown leaves in May 2022.**
 - Not sure if Matt Earnhart will want to assist over the summer.
 - Matt currently involved with KLIFE (<https://hpklife.com/what-is-klife>)
 - We will have two summer interns
 - Michalie will develop the summer calendar before she leaves.
 - Jeremy Picker willing to step-in as needed. Jeremy is also considering applying for the Youth Minister position full-time. This would result in other opening for worship, etc. Jeremy wants to help anchor the ministry staff and be part of the solution going forward.
 - Lane Hamm meeting with Jeremy 1.6.2022

3. **Announcement of Machalie resignation**
 - General thought was earlier is better: 1.9.2022 preferable to 1.16.2022
 - Discussed framing the announcement as a positive thing. We are happy for Machalie and have been blessed to have her serve our teens for the past several years. Machalie has served well and will be missed but we have plans in place to keep the momentum going with the Youth Group
 - Some discussion on treating this like a normal announcement. Make the announcement at end of Sunday worship and then dismiss to classes. Youth can then pick-up discussion with Michalie at that time.

4. **Dolores Miller** and secretarial responsibilities. Dolores is slowing down and MX should consider discussing her transition to retirement and finding a replacement. No immediate rush.

5. **Elizabeth McPherson** work load. Elizabeth works hard and long and we need to make sure she does not burn herself out. We need to have someone discuss how she feels about her workload and if it is maintainable for the long-term.

6. **Glenn Devania resigned from the Eldership** (see [Attachment B](#))
 - Louis West and Dave Weiler reminded Glenn that even after his name is removed from the bulleting as being a Shepherd with a capital "S" he will still be a shepherd.

Reminder: Additional information is available on Google docs [here](#) (<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1GbanwBsEyVhAvG6CSIFeTGQtE6kJSac2xR4erx7SL54/edit#gid=0>) . The link is to Google docs spreadsheet which list the following information:

- Tuesday Staff/Elder schedule
- Elder meeting dates and Chair (Brad Stevens looks to be Chair for 1.03.2022 mtg)
- Preaching Schedule (Jeremy preaching 1.02.2022 with Wole making Elder response)
- List of MX ministries

MXkids 2021

last updated: 8/30/21

<1 year

Ellen McCool (Josh & Ashley)
Olivia Ramos (Eduardo & Rachel)

3 years

Cordelia Horrom (Jim and Jennifer)
James Horn (Norman & Katelyn)
Isaac Ramos (Eduardo and Rachel)

1 year

Lucy McCool (Josh & Ashley)
Daisy Rathje (Weston & Rachel)
Mackenzie Schneider (Bret & Kate)
Rosalie Vincent (Jayson & Wilka)
Liam Ward (Corley & Katie)
Madelyn Worthey (Jonathan & Melinda)

4 years

Gates Grimshaw (Cas and Hannah)
Willow Hill (Brian and Kelly)
Phoebe Myers (Travis and Kaylynn)
Naomi Vincent (Jayson and Wilka)

2 years

Sloane Grimshaw (Cas & Hannah)
Evelyn Howard (Jeremy and Rebekah)
Archer Hill (Brian and Kelly)
Jack Kelley (Ben and Mindy)

5 years

Ariel Crigler (Terry and Tora)
Adalyn Kelley (Ben and Mindy)
Abby Parker (Tony)

KDGN

Samuel Bardowell (Matthew and Rachel)
Za'Riah Cannon (Michael and Whitney)
Madison Franklin
Rebekah Horn (Norman & Katelyn)
Anne Matheny (Philip and Sara)
Gabby Onarheim (Janae)
Lana Rathje (Weston and Rachel)
Millie Wehrung (Pat and Jamie)

3rd

Evelyn Bardowell (Matthew and Rachel)
Caleb Horn (Norman & Katelyn)
Lydia McCool (Josh and Ashley)
Norah Sewkarran (Leon and Melanie)
Conway Willis (Mike and Jen)

1st

Boone Grimshaw (Cas and Hannah)
Ziya Kartal (Belut & Heather)
Wesley Sewkarran (Leon and Melanie)
Dawson Tull (Quain and Melissa)

4th

Lillian Horrom (Jim and Jennifer)
Cooper Mitchell (Paul and Jodi)
Isabel Rathje (Weston and Rachel)
Delaney Tull (Quain and Melissa)
Oaklyn Willis (Mike and Jen)

2nd

Zeke Brown (Ross and Alicia)
Zackary Cannon (Michael and Whitney)
Nate Parker (Tony)
Ethan McGlawn (Jeff and Beata)
Lily Munoz (Jake and Jessie)
Reed Munoz (Jake and Jessie)
Ruby Meyers (Travis and Kaylynn)
Mekhi Payne (Beth Mayberry)
Wyatt Sevic (Drew and Erika)

5th

David Bardowell (Matthew and Rachel)
Allie Brown (Ross and Alicia)
Liberty Goff (Jeff and Heather)
Summer Hill (Brian and Kelli)
Cora LeCave (Nick and Sarah)
Mia Leicht (Mike and Sandi)
Adria McCool (Josh and Ashley)
Ian Picker (Jeremy and Laura)

December 26, 2021

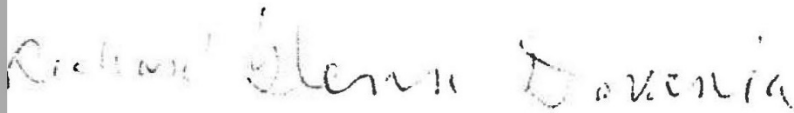
To the Elders of McKnight Crossings church of Christ,

McKnight Road Church of Christ has been a part of our family life since 1966. I served as a Deacon for many years. Then I was called by a current Elder and urged to consider serving as an Elder. Janice and I discussed the responsibility, prayed for guidance, and accepted. We had been praying for the merger of McKnight and Mid-County for some time. I was moved by the experience of the merger. Serving with other Elders has been an uplifting and rewarding experience. I was blessed to serve with humble and dedicated fellow Christians.

Life has moved on as I am nearing my 84th birthday. My health has declined some in the past 4 years. I always desire to serve and be involved with this ever-changing congregation; however, I feel at this time I should resign as an Elder effective December 31, 2020. I respect each of you as you unselfishly model the example of Christ in your caring and loving leadership.

May God bless all of us as we draw nearer to Christ and move forward into the year of our Lord, 2022.

Your fellow servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Glenn Davania".

Richard Glenn Davania