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Consistory Minutes

June 18, 2019

Elders Present: Jeff DeYager; Keith Hoekstra; Myron Moore, Vice-President; Deb Thalhuber; Arlan Van Voorst

Deacons Present: Todd Hopkins, Treasurer; Chad Kaemingk; Nate Kruse; Darin Svennes; Cory Wellnitz; Bret Wynja, Assistant Treasurer

Staff Present: Derek Harsch, Worship Arts Pastor; Mary Morgan, Executive Pastor/Clerk; Ryan Feltman, Youth and Family Pastor; Kayla Schnider, Communications Director; Tyler Van Voorst, Connections Pastor

Elders Absent: Brad Alfred

Deacons Absent:

6:00 pm Call to Order with Prayer and Scripture

Reconvene at 7:45 pm as full consistory – prayer led by Nate Kruse

Book – Growing Young—Read Chapter 3 – Ryan Feltman will lead the discussion.

- ✓ Growing Young team (5 listening sessions will be led by our volunteers on the Growing Young team)
- ✓ Discussed questions 1-3.
- ✓ Personally, what are you doing? Connecting with the youth we already know; connect and reach out with younger couples or individuals as they come; want to know what's going on with them, just ask!; It's harder to judge and ridicule someone you know.
- ✓ As a church, what are we doing? Reading a book and making it an intentional focus; recognizing our failure with some of the youth; Do parents push their kids hard enough to come on a Sunday morning or do they think Wednesday is good enough?;
- ✓ What gets in the way of us empathizing with today's youth? Lack of time; Not willing to change; We fail to realize that what we went through and what they are going through is entirely different; Lack of relationships with youth.
- ✓ Growing Young Chapter 4 discussion next month

Elders' Report – Myron Moore

- ✓ Baptism Requests – Ella Gayle Mulder, daughter of Matt and Sheila Mulder – June 30 at 10:30 am
 - ✓ Professions of Faith –
 - ✓ Reaffirmation of Faith –
 - ✓ Transfers in –
 - ✓ Transfers out –
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- ✓ Member care – A lot of contacts out, but not a lot returned messages.
 - ✓ When serving communion, do you notice anyone not taking communion? Please help watch for this and let the elders or staff know so that they can reach out and visit with what they may have going on in their life. (As elders we want to be able to talk with that person about grace and what that means for them.)
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Deacons' Report – Darin Svennes

- ✓ Member care
 - ✓ Cal Ver Mulm spoke with them about Center of Hope – what our funding helps with at Center of Hope – moving to the School of the Deaf at the end of the year and looking for help with moving and remodeling as well as re-funding the Work Assist program that we funded about five years ago.
 - ✓ Most of the time talking through the missions policy/guidelines. Did exercise tonight where they looked through missions requests that that had been received over the past ten months or so. They had to pick some (only so many) and not others. Then they discussed why they decided to choose those they did and why not others. Mission and vision statement is used as a part of this. By finding a focus, the deacons want it to help them know where to say 'yes' and where to say 'no.'
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Old Business

Update on Children & Family Search Committee: As was reported to you via email, beginning June 17; Sheila Mulder has been hired as our Children and Family Pastor. As an educator and curriculum developer with Sioux Falls Christian Schools, a BA in elementary education, and her Masters in educational leadership, Sheila brings with her incredibly relevant experience and education. The search committee was also excited about the fact that she is part of our congregation which means she will start with an understanding of Good News and already loves and cares about the children and families God brings to us.

While the position is a full-time position, we did negotiate to hire Sheila on a part-time basis for this first year. There are a couple of reasons for doing this. 1. She had already signed a part-time contract with Sioux Falls Christian Schools and wanted to honor that contract. 2. She and her husband, Matt, have four kids with the youngest only a month old!

In light of that, we are also delighted to announce that Kayla Van Noort has accepted our offer of a temporary part-time position to help Sheila manage her part-time status with full-time position expectations. With your support, Sheila and Kayla will be working out what this looks like.

New Business

M / S / C C O N S E N T A G E N D A

If you have questions about anything included on the consent agenda (underlined sections below), please ask before the meeting. Upon request, items can be pulled out of the consent agenda and handled individually.

Previous Month's Minutes.

Accept the last month's minutes.

Thank You Correspondence

- ✓ Brenda Boyd
- ✓ Ron De Jong, Northwestern College, Orange City, IA
- ✓ George McGovern Middle School Staff
- ✓ Dave, Inspiration Hills Church Camp, Inwood, IA
- ✓ Bethany Christian Services/Safe Families for Children, Sioux Falls, SD
- ✓ Center of Hope, Sioux Falls, SD
- ✓ The Community Outreach, Sioux Falls, SD
- ✓ Feeding South Dakota, Sioux Falls, SD
- ✓ Living Stone Prison Church at Mike Durfee Prison, Springfield, SD
- ✓ YouthFront (Missionary Amber Booth and Something to Eat), Kansas City, KS

Other Correspondence

- ✓ Gospel Alliance Lead Team Regarding Great Lakes Catechism on Marriage and Sexuality
This is a group trying to figure out what to do when the RCA makes final decisions human sexuality concerns impacting the denomination. Preston Sprinkle is a good author to learn more about how to navigate our concerns surrounding this and being Christ-like in our responses. His books and podcasts are good resources.
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Executive Pastor Report – Mary Morgan

- ✓ Giving and Attendance Statistics are included in the pre-meeting information.
 - ✓ Maintenance Person, Matt Moen, resigned, and I have hired Scott Schnider to replace him.
 - ✓ Still looking for a custodian to replace Justine Zylstra who is beginning graduate work in Vermillion in July.
 - ✓ Safe Families for Children –There were 14 calls for help in April from families in distress. We were able to host 3 children and 1 new family friend arrangement. So far in 2019, SFFC host families, coaches, and family friends have impacted 33 children from 18 families in hosting arrangements and 17 children from 5 families in family friend arrangements.
 - Please pray for more family coaches and host families. Please pray that people who have expressed interested in serving with SFFC will take the next steps.
 - ✓ Willing Wheels to Wellness –
 - Our drivers are still giving rides, but we don't have any idea how many are being contacted by the social workers at the various Avera groups.
 - Meeting with the Empower Sioux Falls Transportation group that is working on how to potentially join forces to make a difference in the transportation problem for the poor in our city.
 - ✓ Meetings This Month: Pastoral care and or coaching/development for 3 people totaling 3x; VBS Meeting x3; Children & Family Search Committee; Custodian interviews x2; maintenance person interview; maintenance person new hire paperwork; joint meeting with both maintenance staff—Brandon Bauman & Scott Schnider; Mike McComber w/ City Church; Empower Sioux Falls Transportation meeting; staff meetings; and met w/staff individually.

 - ✓ Development/Growth:
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- Reading *Growing Young* by Kara Powell, Jake Mulder, and Brad Griffin
 - Working toward a certificate in Spiritual Transformation through the Transforming Center in Wheaton, IL. Attended June 10-12 retreat, which focused on teaching about and practicing the ancient practice of silence and solitude. Currently reading:
 - Invitation to a Journey* by Robert Mulholland
 - Thirsty for God* by Bradley P. Holt
 - Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership* by Ruth Haley Barton
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Ministry Team/Staff Reports – (See individual reports included in the pre-meeting information.)

- ✓ Youth & Family Discipleship Ministries – Ryan Feltman, Youth & Family Pastor
National Day of Youth Ministry Training (Sept. 21) - nationwide there are 275 sites. We are a host site where other groups will come here. We will give them an area to break into small groups for further discussion. It is for Youth Ministry volunteers. The question was asked if we could invite our congregation since we are trying to grow young.
 - ✓ Worship Arts & Hospitality Ministries – Derek Harsch, Worship Arts Pastor
Tyler and Derek working on how the hospitality team and connection team can connect and help with others, but hand them off well. Team will be on the lookout for new people and reach out, but then have a hand-off approach.
 - ✓ Communications – Kayla Schnider, Communications Director
Communication plan is looking through the events going on around Good News, using the matrix to look into communication, create and promote in all appropriate areas.
 - ✓ Assimilation & Adult Discipleship Ministries – Tyler Van Voorst, Connections Pastor
What is the Guest Pathway – What does it look like for us to have a first-time guest? It is 6 weeks of emails so that they don't get all the info at once, but they get a little information over 6 weeks. This will be an automated system, so we know where people are in the systems.
 - ✓ Good News Children's Center Ministry – Tammy Westergaard, Children's Center Director
Openings in the one and two-year-olds. The question was asked, what would it take to add infant care? When we built the 2012 addition, we wanted to be able to add infant care in that section of the building since we knew they had to be in an area that had a sprinkler system. However, we learned that to add infant care to our ministry; our entire facility would have a sprinkler system installed. Therefore, plans for that were set aside at the time.
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Adjourn

M / S / C to adjourn with prayer.

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