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Consistory Minutes

August 20, 2019

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

Elders Absent: Pastor Kevin Schneider – on sabbatical.

Deacons Absent:

6:00 pm Call to Order with Prayer by Mary Morgan and Scripture from Genesis 28:10-17
As part of our devotions, everyone was to bring something you've seen or experienced at Good News this month for which you are praising God.

- ✓ Celebrations: How smooth the summer has gone in light of Kevin's absence – Pastors who have filled in has been good. Also, the different people who have stepped up. Have seen people who haven't done stuff before came forward.
- ✓ Sunday school meetings – exciting and reinvigorating time.
- ✓ VBS went well in light of new leaders – no major problems.
- ✓ Kevin's says he's been truly able to rest.
- ✓ Check-in and check-out software for kids ministry in our new software looks like
- ✓ New carpet and paint in East Wing cleans up the place.
- ✓ Super loud music – like the feeling of the bass in his chest. Appreciates the "rookies" in the tech area and Derek trying to train.
- ✓ Starting to get feedback from Growing Young.
- ✓ Transition with Sheila and Kayla has been good/fresh ideas.
- ✓ Was skeptical of hospitality changes but has seen value and that it is a positive move. Didn't like the idea of signing up for a month but now thinks it is good.
- ✓ Like the T-shirts for hospitality.

Reconvened at 7:45 pm as full consistory –

Book – Growing Young—Read Chapter 5 – Ryan Feltman led the discussion and reviewed feedback received from the summer's listening sessions.

Reflected for quite a while on the greeting time during worship. We need to be better about pushing ourselves and making sure that we, as leaders are meeting those we don't know. Making sure we, as leaders, are doing it. An easy place to start is our care lists – seeking them out for connection.

Also discussed the notes from the listening sessions. Ryan asked what we noticed from the notes.

- ✓ Younger groups said they feel judged by the older generation and the older generation group said the opposite.
- ✓ One group said we need to work on making Jesus' message first and yet we
- ✓ Our leadership team wants to see the reports on how we've tried things and succeeded and what we've tried and failed.
- ✓ We tend to go all in and then nothing happens.
- ✓ People are perhaps okay with just trying some things.
- ✓ Perhaps we should continually talk about this with the congregation and talk about some of the things we're trying.
- ✓ It needs to be told to the congregation truly what this Growing Young thing is about because it can sound like we're just wanting to kick out the old people and make it all about gaining young people. It seems more like it should be called – Getting Your Congregation Connected!

Elder's Report – Myron Moore

- ✓ Baptism Requests - McKenzie Rose, daughter of Russell & Heather Hanson and Oakley May, daughter of Zach & Samantha Schneider
- ✓ Transfers Out - Jeramy DeVos to Prairie Heights Church in Fargo, ND and Terry Tellinghuisen – accepted that his membership will be dropped .
- ✓ Discussed Member Care
- ✓ Those we're encouraging in ministry – Keith Hoekstra; Andy Hille; Mary Morgan; Mark VanDerBrink; Nick Larry; Pat DeGroot

Deacons' Report – Darin Svennes

- ✓ Maddy Schneider – talked with the deacons about her upcoming Youth With A Mission (YWAM) training and outreach work.
- ✓ The deacons have a draft of their missions policy.
- ✓ Financials – We're behind 20% and are discussing; we're asking that any funds. Deacons want the financial information back in the bulletins each week through December. This was approved by consensus of the full consistory.
- ✓ Work Day – Scott Schnider is coordinating

Old Business

New Business

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- ✓ Wednesday meals – Due the need for the Middle School youth to utilize the fellowship hall as well as the lack of consistent attendance for the meals, initial plans are to discontinue the every Wednesday meal and hold them more strategically—when we are having an event.
 - ✓ Our next meeting will have to be changed to September 10 as Kevin and Mary will be out of town for their Transforming Center retreat.
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M/S/C CONSENT AGENDA

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.

Receive current month and year-to-date Financial Report

Thank You Correspondence

- ✓ Dave Heilman, Inspiration Hills Church Camp, Inwood, IA
 - ✓ Bethany Christian Services/Safe Families for Children, Sioux Falls, SD
 - ✓ Center of Hope, Sioux Falls, SD
 - ✓ Calvin VerMulm, The Community Outreach, Sioux Falls, SD
 - ✓ Peter J. Nord, The Community Outreach, Sioux Falls, SD
 - ✓ Leslee Unruh, The Alpha Center, Sioux Fall, SD
 - ✓ Hope College, Grand Rapids, MI
 - ✓ Living Stone Prison Church, Springfield, SD
 - ✓ YouthFront (Missionary Amber Booth), Kansas City
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Executive Pastor Report – Mary Morgan

- ✓ Giving and Attendance Statistics are included in the pre-meeting information.
 - ✓ Advertised open custodian position on Facebook and have received 60 applications!
 - ✓ Led Pastor Kevin's Romans Bible Study
 - ✓ Meetings This Month: Pastoral care and or coaching/development for 4 people totaling 3x; VBS x5; Mentors x2; toured the new LifeLight facility and met w/Jolene Groen; met with Teaching Leader Brenda Winter RE Bible Study Fellowship group at Good News Church led by Lisa Stensland; Willing Wheels to Wellness ride; staff meetings; and met w/all staff.
 - ✓ Development/Growth:
 - 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 the Global Leadership Summit
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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
- ✓ Worship Arts & Hospitality Ministries – Derek Harsch, Worship Arts Pastor
- ✓ Children & Family Discipleship Ministries – Sheila Mulder, Children & Family Pastor
- ✓ Communications – Kayla Schnider, Communications Director
- ✓ Assimilation & Adult Discipleship Ministries – Tyler Van Voorst, Connections Pastor
- ✓ Good News Children’s Center Ministry – Tammy Westergaard, Children’s Center Director

Adjourn

M / S / C to adjourn with prayer.

Signed: _____ Signed: _____
