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Consistory Special Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2019

Elders Present: Pastor Kevin Schneider; Brad Alfred; Larry Schnabel; Myron Moore; Brian Booth; Arlan Van Voorst

Deacons Present: Todd Hopkins, Treasurer; Nate Kruse; Darin Svennes; Troy Van Essen; Bret Wynja, Assistant Treasurer

Staff Present: Mary Morgan, Executive Pastor/Clerk

Elders Absent:

Deacons Absent: Ryan Lefever

Children & Family Pastor Michelle Creviston told the group that she was involved in an affair with a single adult male volunteer at Good News Church. Michelle and her husband, Ryan, left the meeting.

Shell's actions have disqualified her from leadership at this time. Because the consistory's first concern is to do everything within our power to help heal Shell, Ryan, and their family, she is placed on paid leave for three months. The paid leave is contingent upon her participation (and hopefully Ryan's) in counseling at Quiet Waters in Colorado. The church will pay for two weeks at Quiet Waters and transportation to and from Quiet Waters as well as a rental car.

The consistory will reconsider Shell's status in two months and determine next steps.

The consistory discussed how best to help the congregation. Pastor Kevin said that we have one chance to tell the truth and proposed the attached letter which the consistory approved.

The consistory asked Mary Morgan to work with the Children & Family Ministry Team during this time. The suggestion was made to see if Tonya Brockmueller would be open to coming on staff on a temporary basis to help with Mary's workload.

Adjourn

M / S / C to adjourn with prayer.

Signed: _____ Signed: _____

January 13, 2019

Dear Good News family,

The leadership of Good News Church has placed Michelle Creviston, our Children and Family Pastor, on administrative leave for three months. She has been placed on this leave because she has confessed to inappropriate conduct with a single adult male, who is no longer part of our church. Please know that we are currently ministering to all parties involved. As a member of our staff, our goal is to help her, her husband Ryan, and their family recover from this devastating news.

After meeting with Michelle, our leadership team (the Consistory) prayed, pondered, and wrestled attempting to discern what is an appropriate response so that Christ's church will be seen in an amazing light.

The Consistory decided that we would send Michelle and Ryan to Quiet Waters Ministries in Denver, Colorado. Quiet Waters provides intensive counseling for pastoral staff in crisis. It is a two-week intensive which offers over 20 hours of counseling. We have also decided to provide financial support for Ryan and Shell during this time. While we cannot at this point know what will come after the three-month leave, we are asking you to pray for our leaders and Michelle and her family during this time.

During this past week we, as staff and leaders, have worked to ensure that Good News will continue to provide solid discipleship to our children, their families, and our volunteers.

While I know you may have opinions and thoughts concerning this matter, I pray you will remember that words and gossip will do no one any good, so please consider your words and thoughts carefully before you speak. If you or your family are struggling with this news, come and talk with me, or any member of our leadership.

I believe that by caring and ministering to everyone affected by this failure, we have an opportunity to be the very best example of Christ on earth. We say we believe in things like repentance, confession, forgiveness, grace, hope, restoration, mercy, love and so on. Today may we not just say we believe in these things – may we live them!

In Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pastor Kevin Schneider". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Pastor Kevin Schneider

On behalf of Good News Church Leadership