

ROLLING HILLS COVENANT CHURCH
Elder Council – Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2019 (Approved 09/16/19)

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Name	Position	Present	Absent
Mike Cochrane	Chairman	X	
Anthony Galante	Vice Chairman	X	
Shawn Hurley	Executive Preaching Pastor	X	
Clyde LaGue	Elder – Children’s Commission	X	
Jerry Rilling	Elder – Congregational Care		X
Gene Chou	Elder – Connect & Equip Commission	X	
Tom Miller	Elder – Finance & Property Commission	X	
Craig Knickerbocker	Elder – Global Outreach Commission	X	
Mike DiLustro	Elder – Life Group Commission	X	
Hoon Dokko	Elder – Local Outreach Commission	X	
Terry Wheeler	Elder – Personnel Commission	X	
Richard Smith	Elder – Stewardship Commission		X
Rod Lenders	Elder – Student Commission	X	
Ben Eroen	Elder – Worship Arts Commission	X	
Steve Bunyard	Associate Pastor – Outreach		X
Lloyd Gilbert	Associate Pastor – Student Ministries	X	
Garrick Hanger	Associate Pastor – Adult Ministries	X	
Bob Cubillos	Business Administrator	X	
Jane Wallin	Secretary	X	

At 7:07 PM, Chairman Cochrane opened the meeting in prayer.

DEVOTIONAL – PSALM 119:97-104

Terry shared his thoughts on this section, which focuses on meditation of God’s Word, of which he reminded us that it is not just reading it, but understanding it and taking it deeper within. Verse by verse thoughts:

Vs. 97 – Meditation brings one joy and a more intimate relationship with our God; meditation is what we keep our mind on all day long – morning, afternoon, evening – and when we are working so it comes through to those we work with.

Vs. 98 – God is a teacher and knowing His principles causes us to act and live in a certain way; if we live a holy life, we can deal honestly even with our enemies.

Vs. 99 – As we grow in spiritual understanding, we can even grow to know more than teachers we have had over the years.

Vs. 100 – We can have more understanding than our elders, because we have 20/20 hindsight; and keeping God’s precepts will keep us growing in understanding.

Vs. 101 – When temptations come, we can resist, because meditating on God’s Word helps us want to keep from evil.

Vs. 102 – Because it is God who is our teacher, we do not forget the things He has taught us.

Vs. 103 – The more we are “in” God’s Word, the more holy we want to be – and the sweeter His Word becomes.

Vs. 104 – God helps us to “hate” the things of the world as we gain understanding of His Word and recognize those things that are not good for us.

ELDER PRAYERS

The elders prayed for needs of those on the council, for needs of those in the congregation, and for the church in general.

MINUTES

Approval of the meeting minutes from the 08/19/2019 meeting will be delayed until the 9/16/2019 ECM.

SHORT DISCUSSION OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC AT 9:30 AM SERVICE ON SUNDAY, 8/18/2019

The weekend Jon McNeff preached, a full worship band did the music at the 9:30 service as had been previously planned. The worship before he preached was received well, but the songs done after the sermon were perceived as too long and too loud. The original plan was to have a blending of the choir and the worship band, which did not occur. To achieve this goal of blending, Laura Savitz will work on bridging the traditional and contemporary styles over the next weeks to create generational unity.

SHORT DISCUSSION AND DECISION ON WEDDING RECEPTION DANCING WITH TASTEFUL MUSIC ON THE RHCC MAIN CAMPUS

This will be delayed to another meeting.

SHORT DISCUSSION TO RECEIVE INPUT AND REQUESTS FOR CHANGES IN ILT GOALS, CHARTER, & TEAM MAKEUP

This will be delayed to another meeting.

CHAIRMAN SHARES HIS HEART

Mike C. will distribute a 4-week Bible study called "The Heart of a Great Leader" for all the elders to work through. He also desires to do one more survey stirred out of the BCWI surveys already completed. His hope is that it will enhance healing and relationships among the staff and elders.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 8:30 pm, the staff (except Shawn) and secretary were excused for the EC to continue the meeting in executive session.

STAFF ROUNDTABLE – See Appendix A

ELDER ROUNDTABLE – See Appendix B

Next ECM Dates:

September 16 (regular), September 23 (special), October 7 and 21, November 4 and 18, December 2 and 16, 2019, and January 6 and 20, 2020.

(EC meetings are typically either on the 1st or 3rd Mondays of the month and sometimes both.)

Next CBM Dates:

September 22, and November 10, 2019; and March 1, May 3, September 20, and November 8, 2020, at 6:30 pm.

s/Jane Wallin
Church Secretary

APPENDIX A – STAFF UPDATES

Shawn

Hello Everyone.

August 22, 2019

Here is an update of what happened this week on campus:

We have changed the format of staff chapels: In this season of transition, we are handing over the leadership of our staff chapels to a different department each week, and asking for them to innovate. We are headed into our third week, and they are going fantastic. This is giving different staff a chance to preach, lead, and create, and the staff are loving it. There is a lot of laughter, praise, and a growing sense of community. If you are interested in stopping by to see it, they are Tuesdays from 9:00-10:15 on Tuesday mornings (note, we are not meeting the week of Labor Day).

We have set a date for the Spanish Service change: On September 8th, the Spanish Service will move from Saturday Night into a Sunday morning at 11:15 time slot in the 290's. They also will be hosting a church wide Fiesta the following weekend of September 15th 11:15 service which will include tacos, pinatas, fresca, and other parts of their culture.

Children's Ministries is still in need of 16 volunteers: The most important we need is at the 11:15 service where both kindergarten and first grade classes will be closed starting next week. We will be announcing our need this weekend in both the sermon and the announcement section.

Children's Ministries is preparing to launch their Gospel Project curriculum: There was a parent meeting to orient parents to the new curriculum last week, and volunteers will be trained on it this weekend.

David Halverson would like to transition to part time on April 13, 2020: Ben, Mike C., Bob C., and I will meet with David on Monday, August 26th to develop a plan with David and Jeannie, and report to the elders at the meeting that evening.

We have completed our next preaching series on Philippians called "Grace and Peace", and our preaching schedule through the fall. I am attaching both for you to review. The preaching series was previously given to the elders in July.

Lloyd is back from sabbatical on August 26th.

Garrick is preaching this week at Saturday night and Sunday morning choir services, and Melvin is in contemporary.

Shawn

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Steve

Lloyd

Garrick

APPENDIX B – ELDER UPDATES

CHAIRMAN (Mike Cochrane)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES (Clyde LaGue)

CONGREGATIONAL CARE (Jerry Rilling)

CONNECT & EQUIP (Gene Chou)

FINANCE & PROPERTY (Tom Miller)

GLOBAL OUTREACH (Craig Knickerbocker)

LIFE GROUP (Mike DiLustro)

LOCAL OUTREACH (Hoon Dokko)

PERSONNEL (Terry Wheeler)

STEWARDSHIP (Richard Smith)

STUDENT MINISTRIES (Rod Lenders)

WORSHIP ARTS (Ben Eroen)