

ROLLING HILLS COVENANT CHURCH
Elder Council – Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2019 (Approved 1/06/20)

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(via phone)	
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 Mike opened the meeting with prayer.

DEVOTIONAL – PSALM 119:145-152

Bob began this devotion with an overview of Psalm 119. He noted that it is a continuous prayer and crowning achievement in its dedication to the greatness of God’s Word. The psalmist uses many synonyms for God’s Word – laws, testimonies, ways, ordinances, precepts, statutes, commandments, judgments – all of which reflect the fact that the Israelites view God’s law as a way of life. In this stanza beginning with v. 145, the psalmist cries out to the LORD with his whole heart – all his being! – expecting an answer and promising to keep His statutes. In v. 146, he again cries to the LORD – this time to save him - and again affirms his devotion to the Law. The repetition in these two verses suggest that we 1) pray wholeheartedly, 2) seek God with our entire heart, and 3) obey God with our entire heart. In v. 147, he rises early, cries for help and then waits for God’s words, the latter portraying great and certain hope. Verse 148 shows the psalmist awake throughout the night, in prayerful disposition with his focus on the Word of God, which lends to the idea of praying unceasingly. Verse 149 is another prayer invocation – petitions to “hear me” and “revive me.” The psalmist’s hope is firmly set in God’s renewal through His love. He sees his enemies drawing near, yet they are far from God’s law (v. 150), while on the other hand he knows God is near and His commands are true and never change. The stanza ends with the psalmist’s testimony to his lifelong experience of the Lord’s dependability. Some takeaways of this stanza – pray wholeheartedly / seek God with our entire heart / obey Him with our entire heart / pray without ceasing while relying on the Word of God / prayer is more than asking; it is loving God. Finally, three uses of God’s law – 1) Political – for order, safety, civility; 2) Theological – shows us our sinfulness and need for a savior; and 3) Didactic – as a guide for the believer’s progressive sanctification.

ELDER PRAYERS

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

MINUTES

The minutes from the 11/18/2019 meeting were approved by acclamation with one agreed upon change.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA ITEMS

The Agenda was adopted, with additions of updates on the Sr. Pastor Search Committee and the Gender Series.

SENIOR PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Rod reported that Paul Wilson, Superintendent of PSWC, came and gave his presentation to the committee as previously planned.

GENDER PREACHING SERIES

Eight topics have been determined and those to preach on each have been assigned. The series is set to begin in January.

(Chairman Mike reminded the EC of the mandatory retreat in February with SLT to talk about vision and to look toward the future. Brian from Peacemakers will be there to lend some help.)

ILT STATUS REPORT

Mike D. presented topics to address/recommendations that the ILT team determined from their meetings with each department. The first topic was to bring resolution to the issues of Spiritual Formation and Women in Ministry. After some discussion, Terry moved that the EC vote to move forward on a Spiritual Formation paper, a guiding document with thorough Scriptural backup. The motion was seconded and approved with none opposed. The second topic was confusion over the role of elders and the scope of their authority. Although the by-laws give a summary of their roles, it was suggested that clarity and understanding are needed beyond what the by-laws state. Third, the staff desire a culture of partnership, collaboration, and trust with one another and the Elder Council. Additionally, some would like RHCC to reaffirm its commitment to reaching the lost both locally and globally. This is a topic that may be addressed during the retreat.

ACTION ITEMS RECAP

One motion was made regarding work on a Spiritual Formation paper.

CLOSING PRAYER

Mike D. closed the main meeting in prayer at 9:45 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The EC continued in Executive Session.

STAFF ROUNDTABLE – See Appendix A

ELDER ROUNDTABLE – See Appendix B

Next ECM Dates:

January 6 and (Tuesday) 21, February 3 and (Tuesday) 18, 2020.

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

Next CBM Dates:

March 1, May 3, September 20, and November 8, 2020.

s/Jane Wallin
Church Secretary

APPENDIX A – STAFF UPDATES

Shawn

Good Morning, Elders. Here is a brief summary of what happened on campus this week:
November 21, 2019

Art of Worship is this weekend: Our service times are different than normal weekends, with services Saturday at 5:00, and Sunday at 8:00, 9:30, 11:30, and 2:00. Since all services will be combined and we have a strong outreach focus, we are asking regular attenders to please attend either the Saturday night or Sunday at 2:00 service. Please be available for prayer at the end of the service if you see our prayer team is overwhelmed; we believe we have adequate coverage, but we are praying that the demand outweighs our people!

Taylor Adams has been announced as the new High School Associate, and Children's Ministries is looking at structure: Although we are ecstatic over High School Ministries hire of Taylor, it does create a hole in Children's Ministries where Taylor was already working. Lloyd, Richelle, and the team have already begun discussing how to address the workload.

All Operation Christmas Child Boxes Are Due This Weekend: The turnout has been fantastic, and we are hoping to far exceed that number turned in last year.

Revive Celebration Dinner Occurred on Tuesday Evening: This was our second group to go through Revive, and there was a sense of joy and movement in the Spirit as this season came to a close. A huge thanks to Garrick, David, and team who continue to grow this great ministry.

Please pray for Andrew and Britt Faris: Britt delivered their first son, Lareau Michael Faris on Wednesday evening, but the baby immediately went into distress. He has transferred to Kaiser in downtown Los Angeles for a numerous tests on his heart. After a long couple of days, Baby Faris has finally been given the all clear, and they met him for the first time Thursday afternoon. Andrew served as our High School Pastor, and currently serves on the Congregational Care Commission.

Church Offices will be closed on Friday for Thanksgiving. Due to the Holiday, the shortened week, and staff leaving to see family, there will not be an end of week update next week.

Thank you everyone,
Shawn

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)