

TRINITY BIBLE SHEPHERDING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 16, 2021

“We make disciples who make disciples.”

Lay Shepherds and Pastors: (C=Chair, VC=Vice-Chair, S=Secretary, NV=Non-voting member)

<u>Until '22</u>	<u>Until '23</u>	<u>Until '24</u>	<u>Staff</u>
X Paul Herring ^{VC}	Exc Steve Riggs	X Guy Groves	X Peter Salmon ^C
X Marty Colwell ^S	X Doug Keiser	X Dana Shaver	X Steve Bailey ^{NV}
			X Brian Bremner ^{NV}

- I. **DINNER/FELLOWSHIP:** Dana & Meghan Shaver hosted the Shepherding Board & pastoral staff in their home for dinner & fellowship.
- II. **EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY DISCIPLESHIP BOOK:** Dana facilitated discussion on Chapter 1.
- III. **SABBATICAL UPDATE:** Pastor Peter shared about his sabbatical. Highlights included: Attending to his spiritual health; establishing healthy rhythms & times to be with his family & Amy; being able to take his hands off the leadership ‘steering wheel’ & trusting staff to lead; having freedom to rest, enjoy Sabbath & what God has given him.; relinquishing more to staff; learning to be more ‘Pastor’ & less ‘CEO’. Pastor Peter giving thought to how he can focus more on his Pastor role and trust staff to handle tasks & functions he previously held onto.
- IV. **SHARING/PRAYER – WHAT ARE YOU LEARNING IS MOST VITAL IN YOUR WALK WITH GOD AT THIS POINT IN YOUR LIFE?:** Members & pastoral staff each shared. We then paired up to pray for each other regarding the things shared.
- V. **CAMP REPORT:** Pastor Steve shared Student Director Kalen Eckenrod’s report from 2021 Youth Camp at Cedar Springs. Key changes to build a positive camp culture were notable – previous videographer replaced and a nighttime game was eliminated. Much prayer covered camp. God moved in mighty ways within a camp culture that was fun and Christ-centered. Two students with Trinity group made decisions of faith to follow Jesus & both were baptized. God blessed Student Ministry through other events this summer. Overall, 5 students chose to get baptized, 3 students were born again, & over 20 new students came on Wednesday nights. Nine students went to Mexico with Casas Por Cristo & built 2 homes for 2 families in July. Rejoicing with God for the spiritual fruit & wins from a very busy summer for Student Ministry.
- VI. **FINANCE REPORTS:** Caroline sent out financial reports prior to meeting. While giving is down (as it usually is in the summer months), expenses are controlled & adjusted so we are in the black. One Mission giving to the Building Fund continues to be healthy; more givers have completed their building pledge in the past 2 months. Building pledges given: Jan - \$72K; Feb - \$31K; Mar - \$68K; Apr - \$109K; May - \$89K; Jun - \$31K; Jul - \$39K for a total of \$439,000 given in building pledges in last 7 months. We decided it would be good to continue to have Building pledge updates every 6 weeks or so like the short update Paul Herring did during recent services. Caroline asked the SB to approve \$2500 to purchase TBC t-shirts for the College students since we are out of t-shirts. It was moved, seconded & approved to move \$2500 from the operating fund to purchase 100-130 shirts (depending on final cost). College students are an important part of our church, and we want to include our college students in getting a t-shirt. It was planned to hand out the t-shirts at a TBC College event.

VII. BUILDING ADDITION – COMPLETION & OPENING UPDATES: Tentatively, Peters Construction will work out Trinity punch list mid-October & hopefully we will obtain occupation approval late October. After that, we'll have Dedication Sunday in the Worship Center, followed by a Grand Opening (where we can invite our 1's) & Prayer services. Pastor Peter asked for feedback on the need for having Dessert Nights (similar to what we did during the Building Campaign) in mid-to-late October (after the Missions Conference but before the Dedication). Purpose of Dessert Nights would be to: keep communication (about the building opening) consistent & clear; build unity; fellowship & re-connect; casting vision; & re-connect Pastor Peter face-to-face with members & new attendees. Pastor Peter will approach the Building Reopening Team for their input.

VIII. Pastor Steve closed in prayer.

IX. IMPORTANT DATES

- NEXT Shepherding Board Meeting – September 13 – host & facilitator for Chapter 2 TBD
- Annual Missions Conference – Oct 3-10
- Oct-May Shepherding Board Meetings usually meet 2nd Monday of the month

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Colwell, Secretary

Pastor Peter Salmon, Chair