

# TRINITY BIBLE CHURCH SHEPHERDING BOARD MEETING

## MINUTES

September 13, 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 <sup>VC</sup>	Exc Steve Riggs	X Dana Shaver	X Peter Salmon <sup>C</sup>
X Marty Colwell <sup>S</sup>	X. Doug Keiser	Exc Guy Groves	X Steve Bailey <sup>NV</sup>
			X Brian Bremner <sup>NV</sup>

I. **Emotionally Healthy Discipleship Book Discussion:** Paul opened in prayer. Marty led discussion on Chapter 3 – Being before Doing.

## II. REPORTS

- a. *Pulse Report:* Discussed & received as given.
- b. *Financial reports:* Caroline sent monthly & Y-T-D operating budget, missions financials as well as a spreadsheet that gives a good picture of the trends in our operating fund giving since Covid started. As the graphs show, we were bouncing back strong last spring, but summer giving was anemic. Nothing alarming yet as most summers there is a dip in giving, but we will want to keep a close eye on this over the next few months. Continue to pray for God to provide everything we need to do God's work in our community.

## III. UNFINISHED DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. *Initiative Teams update*
  - a. Community Presence Team (*Brian Bremner (Team Lead), Peter Salmon, Sandra Flikkema, Fred Miehe, Jim Horton, Anne Horton, & Andy Conger*)
    1. Brian gave an update. The Community Block Parties have been a resounding success. While the parties' purpose was not to emphasize Trinity Bible Church, Pastor Peter shared stories how some attending the neighborhood parties have ended up coming to Trinity. The last scheduled summer block party finished last weekend but there has been interest in continuing to reserve the block party trailer. It has been decided to allow folks to continue to check out the block party trailer going forward but without including a gift card for food.
    2. The team is also working on a) creating opportunities for invitational Trinity merchandise (i.e. possibly t-shirts, mugs) that can be purchased at cost. Purpose would be for Trinity members to purchase for themselves & also to share with their 'one's'. The team is also working on ways to optimize web traffic for Trinity's website.
  - b. Back to Church/Grand Opening Team (*Trina Landmesser (Team Lead), Jeremy Good, Sarah Good, Karen Grossman, Julie Nordstrom, Emily Haberly, Deb Berstler, Jen Roth & Darla Kelly.*)
    1. Peter gave an update. The team is planning 10 Dessert Nights (Oct 24-Nov 4) for Trinity members/attenders prior to the Dedication Sunday. Purpose is to get together, have opportunity to hear TBC's vision and what will be changing with the full building opening.
    2. The team is also working on the following events: Dedication Sunday with a prayer walk through the building (tentatively Nov 7), Grand Opening Sunday (tentatively December 5) for a big public invitation push, and the Christmas

Service (Dec 23 & 24). They are working on promotional tools: door hangers, mailers and 15 second YouTube & CFU cable commercials.

#### **IV. CURRENT DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a. *April Plassman Update*
  - a. April met with us last year to share about a partnership opportunity with a new counseling practice she would be starting. Since then April has decided that it is not the right time, so that opportunity is on hold.
- b. *Covid Task Force Update*
  - a. We discussed the recent two COVID email updates that went out to the congregation. Because the pastors receive the most feedback from members & the community on these types of communication, any similar communications will need to run through Pastor Peter or Pastor Steve for final release.
- c. *Preaching Focus for 2022*
  - a. Pastor Peter asked for input for preaching topics in 2022 keeping in mind that the Pastors try to keep it 60% expositional. Some suggested topics: spiritual disciplines including how to pray when the best thing is for God to say 'no', preaching that keeps our heart broken for a lost world & out of apathy, servant leadership, commonly misunderstood/ hard to understand Biblical passages, I Corinthians (including unity in the church body), II Corinthians, Philippians, cultural issues (Secular Creed book by Rebecca McGlauphlin)
- d. *Doug closed in prayer*

#### **V. IMPORTANT DATES**

October 3 & 10 – Missions Conference  
October 4 & 5 – Ministry Staff retreat at Cedar Springs  
September 15 – Awana Starts  
September 25 & 28 – Small Group Leader Training  
October 22-23 – DS1  
October 24- November 4 – Dessert Nights  
November 7 – Dedication Sunday (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in new building)  
December 5 – Grand Opening Sunday (Big Public invitation push)  
December 23 & 24 – Christmas Services

#### **VI. FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

Monday, October 11 @ 6-9p  
Monday, November 8 @ 6-9p  
Monday, December 13 @ 6-9p  
Monday, January 10 @ 6-9p  
Monday, February 14 @ 6-9p  
Monday, March 14 @ 6-9p  
Monday, April 11 @ 6-9p  
Monday, May 9 @ 6-9p

Respectfully submitted,

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Shepherding Board Secretary

Pastor Peter Salmon  
Shepherding Board Chair