

Elders Meeting Minutes

August, 2018

Attending: Tom Pritchard, Rob Woodard, Fran Krohn, Rick Boehm & Arden Kinser

- Tom opened the meeting in prayer. Rick shared a reflection on a healthy church.
 - We spent time on prayer for the needs of the congregation.
- 1) We took a quick look at the elder's budget, nothing looks out of bounds.
 - 2) Ken Needham will be visiting November 10-17. Details to be worked out in the next few months.
 - 3) Arden shared some reflections on the 75th anniversary celebration that took place on Aug 5th. It was a good time of fellowship. Special thanks to Cleone Jacobson for her exceptional work on the history presentations. It was suggested that the 10 minute video presentation be posted and linked to the Cherry Grove web page.
 - 4) Arden followed with reflections on this year's Yearly Meeting. The sessions were relaxed and focused. Recurring themes were discipleship, evangelism and church planting. The new Superintendent is very passionate about these.
 - 5) Arden also reported on the Church Multiplication Conference he attended in Kansas. The focus was on investing ourselves to teach others to invest themselves to spread the Good News. There was also discussion as to how to reach the 2/3 of the population that will not accept an invitation to church. Arden found it time well spent.
 - 6) We discussed some personnel issues
 - 7) In other business, we asked ourselves if there were things we could do to cultivate speakers in our own congregation.
 - 8) Arden has been asked to be the photographer at Family Camp. We agreed this would be fine. He will work on scheduling a substitute speaker for that Sunday.
 - 9) A discussion on Youth Group safety
 - 10) Arden has followed up people who attended the membership class who have not yet made a decision to join the church. He will continue to keep in touch with them.
 - 11) Rick wanted feedback from elders regarding his proposed musical at Christmas. We encouraged him to proceed, that we heard nothing from the Spirit saying to stop.
 - 12) Next meeting will be scheduled via email
 - 13) Fran will do the reflection.
 - 14) Tom closed in prayer.