Business Meeting Minutes for October 15, 2017

Attendees: Arden, Jan & Dave D., Cleone, Doug M, Brenda & Tom P., Bob H., Cathy & Rob K., Beth M., Ron P., Jan H., Calvin, Dianne B., Ollie B., Fran, Phylis & Bob B., Kari H., Sara G., all the Morins, Erica F., Dave S., Camelle R., Bonnie K., Ileane & Bob N., Sara E., unknown couple.

Meeting was started with a prayer by Rob W.

It was approved to move the membership of Scott & Kim Morin to Cherry Grove Friends, from Kansas.

Stewards

 Giving is down.

 Bell tower - Bob Horne and Rob King have talked to the welder.

Heating system in church – Please don’t reprogram the system, we have it set to come on at appropriate times, using more heat than needed.

Elders

 Dianne Brim read the Elders recommendation regarding Cherry Grove’s choice for future affiliation. Following, everyone joined in on the discussion.

Brenda asked, what does the current Faith & Practice state? It should be revised to change the sexuality phrase to be reworded a little nicer. We need to stay within the guidelines of the F & P.

 The basic position would be to stay the same, just word it differently. Welcoming not affirming.

 Anyone that would be teaching and not living by the scriptures would not be able to teach.

 It needs to be more gracious language, not changing.

 Cleone stated she would not like to be an independent Church. She would like us to stay with NWYM.

Sierra Cascades YM is the other YM.

Dave S. ask about the property, does YM own it or do we as a church? In general if CG leaves YM, then they have the right to take the property following the F & P. If YM tries to make waves claiming the property, CG does hold the deed.

Cathy K. – Making a decision today would be rushed. There are people that are afraid to speak out.

Rob W. – Homosexuality is not the issue, it is just one of the many sins. We really need to work with everyone.

Brenda – God is Love is what is driving everyone today.

Doug M. – Some families are a mix of Churches. I am also Roman Catholic and we welcome them in. We need to apply that to all Churches.

Jan H. – I have friends that are struggling, gay, cutting, etc.. They need to be loved too. The struggle is real. Lead with Love, leave it to the Lord to convict, not us.

Kim M. – Thank you to Arden for explaining the scriptures and working through them.

Erica – This is a safe place to come for all sinners working through their sins. We are a group of people accepting of everyone and let God work out the other stuff.

Scott M. - I was in the nursery with Jan H. I observed what Jan was doing. There was a child acting up and Jan sat on the floor with him and just held him, she said he just needed love, we should lead by example. Technically overeating is a sin also.

We are still going to love each other. We are still going to love new comers. We will still be maintaining our authority to go with scriptures.

Rob W. – On the Elders minutes, we need to say our recommendation instead of our future. We need to send it back to the Elders.

Ollie – We are a loving body, we will not change. This body would not be here today without YM.

Pros and Cons of remaining with NWYM

Pros – Wisdom, safety net, opportunities in ministries

Cons – F & P is not broad enough.

When speaking of recommendations, the feeling was very tense, When speaking of love and love one another, the feelings were warm and inviting.

November 5th meeting – Representatives from Twin Rocks are moving forward with the camp.

Meeting was closed with a prayer Rob W.

Next meeting will be November 19, 2017