

Minutes

Cherry Grove

November 22, 2015

Attendees:

Cathy K., Bob & Ida H., Don & Ruth P., Shelly G., Phyllis B., Dave & Jan D., Tom P., Jamie & Becky Sk., Diane B., Guy H., Rob & Toni W., Cleone J., Arden K., Garridan & Camille R., Ollie & Karen B., Margie H., Andrea D., Bonnie C.

Meeting opened with prayer.

Stewards – Guy H.: The subject of discussion for the Stewards report was the budget for 2016. The report highlighted some changes from last year's budget, including: The annual PHS Senior Girls Tea has seen a reduction in expenses in recent years so the budget has been adjusted down from \$700 to \$500; the Women's Retreat has also shown a reduction in expense; \$200 has been added to the Joy Bible group for text books, etc.; Outreach has no change; office & building insurance has increased by \$200; electricity is down \$2,000; internet & telephone service is up \$100; postage is down \$100; misc. fees/permits are up \$250; capital expense/maintenance are both over budget, so budget is increased; sanitary service is down \$300; staff expenses are increased by 2.2% and 1.2% for Pastor and secretary, respectively.

Cherry Grove designates up to 100% of Pastor's Salary as housing allowance for 2016

The proposed budget was approved without revision.

Elders – Cathy K.: Discussed the process Elders have taken to address the results of the NCD findings. The process has changed from the typical path that NCD follows, because it appears God wants to work with us in a different way. This was illustrated during a recent Sunday service where out of the quiet we were directed towards looking at the overall spiritual health of the congregation by prophetic voices. A team has been formed to look at this, using the main image of "building the rope" to "We want to interact as a church body to learn, callout, support, and exercise both our group and individual spiritual gifts. This interconnectedness can deepen our spiritual life and create focus of movement towards God's will". We have already met and from that meeting are praying around three questions to discuss in our next meeting.

How do we build the rope?

How do we stop being apathetic?

How do we push past comfort zones/go deeper/and be vulnerable with each other as a congregation?

You also can pray around these questions and share with us any thoughts that come to you.

A copy of Cathy's comments were taken to attach to these minutes.

Yearly Meeting Representatives – Shelly G.: Two summary documents were included in the minutes packet for our review. One gave a summary of the reports and activities that came out of the Yearly Meeting held this past July, which was quickly reviewed. The second topic discussed was the current status of NWYM's progress regarding whether West Hills Friends would remain a member church to the YM – as an appeal continues to go forward, West Hills remains a member church. Shortly after the YM meetings, Anthem Friends (once known as Hayden Lake Friends) announced their decision to leave NWYM. Upon a question from the floor, Arden explained that Anthem Friends' decision to leave NWYM centered not specifically on the issue raised by West Hills, but a more general difference with NWYM regarding the primacy of scripture.

Meeting closed.