

## Family Church Council Minutes From 9/29 and Open Council Meeting

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Dear family,

On September 29th, the council had two meetings, the normal monthly council meeting before service, and an open session after service. Below are the notes from both meetings.

### **Open Council Meeting 9.29.2017**

Attendance: Approximately 14 members, including council. Some members coming in and out.

Council announced the intentions of the meeting. Place where people can share their hearts and have good healthy conversation. Questions?

Road map for budgets? All budgets have been set for this year, for each milestone. For the building renovation there is no time set yet. We are not the finance committee.

Have contributions been down? June was a setback but overall tithe has been higher this year. Because of Family Camp, Vegas, no service for two weeks, June was low on tithes.

Can we have a monthly newsletter from council or quarterly report? To know what is going on in the council; be more connected. There are monthly minutes after each council meeting. Meetings are also open to community members.

Sunday School - What is going on with the new system? Are the kids happy? Concerns about high school youth. Would be good to get feedback from the kids. Some kids miss David Stein. The combination of different ages did not work well in past. Mix of things being taught. Work in progress. Still need to work things out.

Renovation: If we spend several hundred thousand on renovations, we still won't be as nice as the building few doors down. What is the intention? What do we really want from it? Is God going to be pleased? Someone said Pastor Mike feels the building would look most attractive if it had siding. In the Capital Hill area, renovations have happened for miles. They look fantastic but none have been because of siding. Just because of painting. Painting the building would be much cheaper and just as attractive. Spending a couple thousand is a very serious step and member would be against it. The picture is terrific but still want to know what the results would bring. This money could be better used elsewhere, because that is a lot of money.

What would be the most attractive for this building? Suggests a structure on the corner to of building to attract people. A curved structure potentially? 3D structure?

Cost consideration: big part coming from HQ? HQ can only approve of things if we are working with contractors. Some members vocalized willingness to volunteer.

What is the reason? Many reasons. Beauty, attraction feel good about it. Make it homey.

Many people don't know this is a church. This neighborhood is changing quickly. Focus is to be inviting, look apart of the neighborhood. Externals do mean things to people. People notice.

20 years ago when the church was renovated it looked fresh.

Outside should reflect the inside. Member was attracted by the banner and knows most people will notice the external.

What kind of event would attract people to come to the church? Something for the community.

A sign saying that we are a church sounds more and more important.

Member feels most important thing would be a digital sign. Something customizable.

We really need it also as a spiritual attraction. Landscape has never looked good. 20 years ago it was a bit depressing to be in this building. Want to make this a place we can bring people to. The landscaping shows a lot about people here. When the building is neglected it does not look as though we take care of ourselves.

Making a hundred thousand renovations doesn't fit if contributions are down. Have a team created for budgeting and fund raising? Need to find out more from Pastor Mike.

Any renovations need to be thought of for the parsonage? Bathroom in basement was totally renovated. Laundry room was moved and now pastors boys bedroom. Two other guest rooms. Redid the insulation, the floors. A member of the council shared that Pastors take ownership over the home so don't see it as a priority for the church.

Services – like the sermon series. Feels that it brings a large connection between the pastors. Order of the service. Wants to sit down for the first prayer. Perhaps they need to announce it.

Couple from Maryland really enjoyed the service. Said it was refreshing from the DC area. The Pastors are really real.

There is something special here. We should not take it for granted.

Love the drummer. Really moved. Japanese sisters would meet for prayer conditions consistently in the past and currently still? Perhaps created a great foundation for this community.

Cafe - Hard to have a meeting in the cafe. Acoustic ceiling? 50 cents a sq foot.

Removing the pews?

Council member closed with prayer.

### **Council Meeting 9.29.2017**

Attendees: Pastors Mike and Adonia Hentrich, Margo Nye, Justino and Joelle Alves, David Mahardy, Jim Chimes, Cynthia Hiromitsu and Sammi Van der Stok.

Prayer: Margo

HDH Reading: Cynthia

Pastors report: Booked family camp at Waunita Hot Springs again for next summer. Had to book now because it books fast. Dates: June 26 - 29th, 2020

Pastors Mike and Adonia shared a testimony of our community on Tribe Net focused on witnessing. Shared with Damian and Dr. Kim about the community and new members.

Starting the 2020 budgets soon and creating a video for headquarters. The video is to ask for money for the building renovations and show what we are doing.

Discuss open meeting – Went over format for open meeting during lunch. Justino as mediator; keep meeting to an hour. Give people a couple minutes each. Pastors will not be there.

Financial report – Three budgets requested. Family Camp down payment budget for next year is approved (2500). 3000 budget (1500 unspent) for national events which is already 1000 over budget. We would not be able to send many people in December. Can support some financially but cannot provide full expenses. HQ has not asked for community members to go yet, but we are still 3 months out. These are not new budgets, just budget increases. Financially would not be an impact. 450 for Shirley to go to WFWP Event in Chicago.

Council approves all budgets.

Closing Prayer – Justino

Next meeting Oct 27th