



Elders Meeting 7/18/16

Attendance

A. Stafford , D. Dunnam, E. Meyers, J. Roberson, E. Allen, T. Thompson, M. Loolara, H. Dean, John Fralick

Prayer Request

Many within the church body, as well as family and friends lifted up to our Lord in prayer.

Financial

Bro Dale presented and reviewed the financials for the month of May.

- General Find = \$218K – Designated= \$147K = ELC \$10K
- Month Expenses = \$227K, Giving = \$226 Variance = (\$1)
- Current Building Note – \$4,297,428
- Reviewed Monthly Bank Statements, P&L, Income Statement, as well as Offering Statement YTD.

New business

Pastor Search Team (PST) – Announcement to the congregation went well this past Sunday. We will be publishing all of the names on the web site for the church to pray for these. We will also be placing the announcement on the web site and the bulletin this Sunday.

Ministries for further discussion

- **College Ministries** – Discussed the need to fill a position vacated by our previous teacher, Chris Cockrell in order to get things moving again in this ministry. It appears the College and Career group are not meeting on Wednesday nights and have not been for some time. There is a regular Sunday School Class that is led by Grant Robinson that falls into this age group. Bro Andy will look at the numbers through Elexio of the members that might meet with age group of this ministry (18-25).
 - **Update** – Bro Andy generated a report out of Elexio ad looks like we have 331 people listed that attend, are members or not have informed us of them dropping out from 18-25 years old.
- **New Members Being Introduced At The Conclusion of the Service** – Discussed getting a better system for new members to be greeted after being announced as new members prior to the closing of the church service. New members are not getting positioned quick enough to be greeted. We need to work on a method prior to the closing of the service to get them up front ahead of the closing prayer.

- **Connections Room** – Discussed current needs: (1) needs to be adequately staffed, (2) we need to have a consistent message, (3) we need to determine what information is necessary (a check list) for those that are part of the connections room. We also discussed the importance of the importance of everyone needs to join the new members class.
- **New Members Class** - Discussed the importance of this ministry and that we need to encourage “all” new members that they need to attend in order to get properly informed about GSBC, ministry opportunities as well as
- **Discipleship** – Discussed the importance of really placing an emphasis on discipleship internally in order better prepare our members to go out and minister to the community.
- **Men’s Ministry** – Further discussion needed for this ministry in the near future in order to determine the best direction in the future.

New Elder Member – Bro Herschel Dean was in attendance for this month Elder meeting and will be moving forward at this time. Bro Herschel is replacing Bro Tony Perkins at this time who recently accepted Interim Pastor responsibilities here at GSBC. We are all glad to have Bro Herschel back and appreciate his service.

Old business

Flood Insurance – In August the Feds should have a final approval of the engineering study for the flood zone rezoning of our property. Bro Dale stressed that FEMA must approve this. Upon their approval we will then be out of the flood zone. GSBC has the opportunity to save \$10,000 on an annual basis for this expense.

Honduras & Brazil Missions – Bro Tim mentioned that on the Honduras mission they brought \$15,000 cash and used \$4,200. \$7,400 of that money was given towards the Brazil Mission and the balance was sent back to the church office. All receipts for Honduras have been submitted to the church office.

VBS – Very good start today for this week. Looking like we have started with 400 people, a great turnout and looking forward to an exciting week.

ERLC – Russell Moore (Ethics and Religious Liberty Committee). We will continue to look into this with our cooperative program and where our contributions go. Our wish was to redirect any funding from GSBC away from this organization but it may be difficult to achieve through the state.

Kitchen Remodel Project – project on schedule. Started this week with the front wall insulation as well the internal ceiling. Holmes Building materials is working with us to provide many of the materials for the project at cost. We allocated an overage from last year budget of \$35K for the remodel. Doors, cabinets, counter tops, ovens, hood replacement, etc. were discussed.

Financial Audit – Audit scheduled the last week of this month through Phil Hebert. Phil will be here at GSBC. Bro Dale indicated that he will be able to provide the report back to the Elder Board within a couple weeks.

Maintenance – Pete Firmin with Firmin Construction will come out this week to take a look at the steeple, front wall of the main building as well as the gutters of the education building. We are still seeing water issues internally with the front wall of the main building. On the education building it appears tha the gutter system is rotting and causing water to collect, back up and enter through the outer wall area.

Upcoming schedule

July 31st	Congregation to vote on PST
August	Bro Tony – Letters of Paul Sermon Series

Missions	
TBD	Camp Bo Ya Mission

Closing Prayer

Bro Herschel Dean