

ELDER MEETING MINUTES

June 4, 2026

Present:

Elders: Mike Lipsey, Chris Tenny, Jon Singley, Blair Bassett

Elder Advisors: Tanya Martinez

Absent: Karen Stothers, David Belgum

The meeting began at 6:14pm with Blair opening in prayer.

- Something to Consider – ‘Lead with Prayer’, chapter 13 reflections “Leaders Build Teams to Pray with Them and for Them”. Shared insights from the chapter.
- Prayer – Shared praise/requests for the body and each other, and then prayed.
- Summer Prayer Nights - by invitation from Cassie
 - Agreed to make a concerted effort to attend, as elders and pastors.
- Minutes review/approval from May 21– Chris motion, Jon seconded. All others agreed.
- Need fund:
 - \$2500 was proposed for an identified need in the community.
 - Chris motioned to approve and Mike seconded, all other elders agreed.
- Sabbatical for Chris Tenny
 - Chris asked to propose his sabbatical plan at the August 6th board meeting.
- Update on Strategic Plan
 - Church leadership structure:
 - Chris presented a revised summary and we provided feedback.
 - Chris planned to share it with the staff for additional input, as well as with Billy Dunn during his June visit.
 - Clarifying our vision and mission and values:
 - Proposal made to invite Mark Mitchell to lead us through this topic as a next step. Chris agreed to reach out to invite him.
 - Tanya’s Job Description
 - Agreed that all elders would review the latest revision before finalizing.
- Rental Updates from Mike
 - Reviewed and agreed to the terms of the lease for the John family.
- Deacon Update:
 - Bernie Day started in her new role as a deacon at the last deacon meeting.
 - Agreed she should be announced to the church soon, followed by a more formal presentation with additional deacons at a later time.
 - Additional candidates were also discussed.
- July 2nd Elder’s meeting was canceled given the July 4th holiday week.

Mike closed us in prayer at 8:33pm