

ELDER MEETING MINUTES

July 16, 2026

Present:

Elders: Jon Singley, Mike Lipsey, Blair Bassett

Elder Advisors: David Belgum, Karen Stothers, Tanya Martinez

Absent: Chris Tenny

The meeting began at 6:05pm with Blair opening in prayer.

1. Something to Consider – ‘Lead with Prayer’, chapter 14 reflections “Leaders Invest in Prayer”. Shared insights from the chapter and ways to incorporate some of the ideas presented.
2. Prayer – Shared praise/requests for the body and each other, and then prayed.
3. Minutes review/approval from 6/4 and 6/18. Jon motioned to approve the minutes and Mike seconded his motion. Blair agreed. Blair to follow-up with Chris for email approval.
4. Update on Strategic plan
 - Chris presented the strategic plan update during the service on July 12th.
 - The ministry highlight email this week had a link to the strat plan details as well.
 - Chris left a message for Mark Mitchell about getting his help with church vision, mission, and values. They had not yet spoken.
 - Tanya’s new job description and communication of it.
 - The elders agreed to an extra meeting for this topic on Tuesday July 28th at 5pm, with Tanya.
 - Formations Groups - Tanya shared that the staff’s restructuring the website and categorizing the various types of groups under a new umbrella term, “Formation Groups”. Events will be a separate category on the website.
5. Deacon’s update
 - We discussed three additional candidates, two of which are pending further discussion and a decision. Tanya agreed to follow-up.
 - Also discussed deacons' past concerns about burn-out. It does not seem to be a concern now, but they want to put out some guidelines about the types of things they can help with on their webpage.
6. Agreed that we’ve concluded the Lead with Prayer book.

Jon closed us in prayer at 8:18pm

- Advisors were excused.
- Mike, Jon, and Blair stayed back to discuss the need for future planning and to set aside time in each elders meeting for that topic, so we have a balance between current issues and future planning.