

Trinity Baptist Church  
Elder Meeting Agenda  
January 20, 2010

- Attending: Keith, Ross, Fred, Tim (pizza by Ross: prosciutto, artichoke, sun dried tomato)
- Prayer
- Indemnification for Trustees: it has gone through, they have indemnification
  - At this point we have not retained any attorney
- Trustee candidate: to date the Trustees have not advanced a candidate
- Town hall meeting: Keith will take 20 – 30 minutes to present the biblical pro & con arguments on whether or not women should/can be Elders and then open it up to the floor
- Capital campaign: Charlie Nafie presented what will be presented to the congregation; we are considering extending the kitchen into Rebecca's office; removing the wall between James & Fran's offices and making an open work space; also creating a "confidential conversation space" in the basement; this will all commence in early June and needs to be done by the Willow Creek Summit; the cost should come in less than \$500k
- Name tags for congregation: want begin soon; Keith will talk to the church staff about logistics
- Leadership retreat: James has secured a space in Tarrytown, about \$100/ person, we have money to subsidize, we will charge \$50; date is March 12-13
  - agenda:
    - Friday night no agenda but getting to know you stuff (Keith & James will cover this);
    - Saturday morning
      - Keith to do vision cast from 9 to 10
      - Break
      - Fred and Tim will do Peacemakers stuff from 10:30 to noon
      - lunch from 12 – 2
      - 2 to 4, brainstorming around needed change (a more specific, tactics oriented time)
      - end with prayer/worship time
      - leave by 5pm
- Coffee hour: staff have been told by Keith that they need to have an eye on community building, killing coffee hour hurt us, we need to reestablish this
  - Conversation on why people have been leaving, no consensus, does it have to do with the economy, with the types of people (magnetic) that have left, other?
  - There is much that is not in our control, what is? How do we do better?
  - Who is our audience? Urban eclectic
- Good Sense: Michael Papa has not yet responded to Tim's email, Tim will call him

- Peacemaker/Love and Respect with leadership: Keith will look at the DVD material to see if it could be incorporated into premarital counseling
- Elder growth:
  - Fred: is reminded to begin fasting again (Wednesday s); being reminded that he needs to be in the word, what is the Lord saying to him presently?
    - Discussion about peacemakers fall small group study, need for dramas, testimonies during sermons, Keith can work on the dramas now, Fred will follow through with those that have gone through the peacemakers stuff and see what the result has been, get them ready to share testimonies; could possibly do it in 2010 but we would need to make changes to the retreat content
  - Tim: convicted that he's not really studying scripture, learning more but wants to live more, doesn't want to atrophy
  - Keith: challenges us – has created preaching calendar up to May, we will have a summer of something ... but what?, also next fall, before next meeting we need to pray about where the Lord is leading us (for the summer), then we need to study and help to inform Keith as he prepares; we will move toward doing church-wide peacemakers for the fall of 2011
  - Ross: continuing to slowly plough through emotionally healthy spirituality, thinking about daily office, sabbath
- Meeting with Schaibles: we will take a stab at working through the process that has been proposed for the budget; it may be too time intensive, but the Schaibles do feel heard; Tim will send us a draft of what he's going to write to them
- Mentoring of young men: Fred has spoken to Dave, Joe, and Fredric; Tim is going to meet up with Josh, sometimes meets with Lee – Tim will see if they'll commit to meeting with him; Keith is looking to meet with Martin Poole; Ross will look at Edwin and Jose
  - Men's monthly dinner – Keith's encouragement to us to attend
- Membership: we have accepted these 4 into membership - Claudia P Webber, Pamela Schiess, David McCreary, Crystal Poon-McCreary; cleared roles
- Haiti relief funds: Kim Nafie has a doctor contact that we could give some of the money to, we could send a team down in a couple of months; also Linnie Golightly knows a doctor down there; it would be good to send some money quickly; maybe think about sponsoring a Haitian family coming here; The elders need to direct May Chin and James as to what we're going to do, Tim will be the point person in this, along with James and Sandy Barnett
- Samantha B: her finances are OK, we need to talk to the missionary care deacons to let them know that they need to be a part of the budget process (and add Samantha), Tim will email Margaret & Courtney (also two trustees need to be involved)
  - World Vision response on its Rwandan child sponsorships: we need to ensure that the way we represent sponsorships is faithful to the way that the money is used; Keith has told Mac that in the future we will represent sponsorships in a way that we are more comfortable with
- Super Bowl party: if it's the Jets we need to do it; Fred will talk to James
- Fran will lead a small group on The Shack

- Elder Sabbatical: Ross will begin his sabbatical in June
  - Move James forward in elder process after Easter.
- Last town hall will be Feb 21<sup>st</sup>
- Next Elder meeting is the first Tuesday in February 2<sup>nd</sup>