

Trinity Baptist Church
Elder Agenda
May 4, 2010

- Prayer
- Courtney Snodgrass: due to a number of personal issues (recently married, moving to Jersey, death of her mother) she needs to step down from her position of deacon of missionary care.
- Annual Meeting
 - Vote results were a bit disappointing (the three banner items were narrowly defeated), but satisfied that consolidation of the two documents into one passed, including the indemnification section and the new standard for future bylaw changes.
 - There was a lot of reread commentary/questions that were covered at length in earlier Town Hall meetings
 - Close to 25% of membership didn't vote; we need to do a better job of keeping the membership roles clean as many who didn't vote have left the city and are no longer attending Trinity
 - Thrilled that the budget passed, and that new Trustees were voted in.
 - Going forward we need to be more proactive with the Trustees rather than simply responding to them
- Church Planting
 - Joel Rissinger from the BGC joined us to talk through philosophy and possibilities
 - expand by creating a "location" of our local church
 - Trinity has all of the infrastructure (gov't, services, etc)
 - the denomination is not responsible for planting but each church is, talent generation should be internal to the church rather than bringing people in from the outside
 - their New Life church did this, another Sunday worship service was started in a different location and that location eventually became its own church, but initially they had the same government, same budget
 - in this paradigm, if the new site never wants to leave they can continue to be a part of the original; if they feel that they want to be an independent congregation they can
 - Launch is a book written by Nelson Searcy who planted Journey here in NYC, may be helpful; there are attractional and organic models of planting, organic is cheaper but slower
 - what is the easiest location, or easiest in terms of demographics, or in terms of talent?
 - don't start this process by announcing a church plant, start by initiating an alternate Sunday morning site
- Trinity Membership Requirements/Training
 - We need to look over current docs and procedures and ask, "Would Jesus require this to be in His Kingdom?" "Are we requiring more of people to join our church than Jesus would require?" "Is what we are currently doing effective and necessary?"
- Summer Preaching Schedule
 - looks good, Tim and Fred will pick some dates
- Due to the long discussion on church planting the following items were deferred
 - Rwanda missions update - deferred
 - Counseling updates - deferred
 - Deacon/Elder nominations - deferred
 - Good Sense 6/5/10 - deferred
 - Emotionally Healthy Spirituality - deferred
 - Elder Growth - deferred

- Prayer