

Vancouver Seventh-Day Adventist Church
Minutes of the Board
July 21, 2009

Members Present: Pastor Roger Walter – chairperson; Dave Allen; Neil Allen; Wayne Alvarez; Dave Cannard; Tammy Hendrix; Debbie Johnson; Rick Karlstrom; Pastor Danny Kim; Doris Krenzler; Marlene Leno; Ron Oliver; Jim Pope; Pastor Jeff Richards; Bill Vail; Dan Weston; Royalyn Whitley; Stan Wilson; Darlene Wilson; Ben Wolfswinkel.

Guests Present: None

Praise and Prayer by Roger Walter

Mission/Vision Update:

- A mission or vision for a church should pull us all together
- Mission/Vision Statement – letting it ride for a while
- Working on core values. Definition is a deeply held belief about how we do ministry as we pursue our mission
- Core values are things that help us move forward
- We said we are driven by belief in prayer and
- Community Effective Discipleship
- Need to measure effectiveness – will drive underlying decisions
- Make lost a priority of the Church – building a facility to reach the lost. Move the community closer towards the kingdom
- Community – crunch word meaning common unity – building community by serving others in their home with others. Alone do not function as well
- Synergy – the whole is greater than the sum of all the parts
- Discipleship – really to say what we are doing in each division to lead people closer to Christ and to follow him

Board Training Time:

- Last month talked about a regular training time and what it means to be a Board member
- Crucial Conversations book – idea behind it is all conversations are meaningful
- How do you have a conversation about a policy issue that everybody agrees with except you
- Basic steps:
 - Always assume the best when you hear others speak.
 - Seek to understand that the other person probably has the best interests of the church at heart as well - okay to stop and ask those questions at a Board meeting to try to understand another person's position.
 - Create a safe environment – always address issues not the person and personality

- Free to talk but will draw boundaries – important to talk tentatively not forcefully – approach more cautiously.
- **Church manual reminders:**
 - Protective of our ministry so we create “silos.”
 - Need to get everybody going the same direction – say what’s best for the church is what I’m going to do – individual ministries should be going same direction as vision of the church.
 - Church manual says that proclaiming the gospel is the chief function of the church.

Policy Updates:

- **General Policies:**
 - Pulled together the policies they found in old minutes.
 - Let know if there are additional policies not found in old minutes.
 - Bulletin Insert Policy:
 - Should list constituent schools at a certain level – discussion of other organization or that it should be community church level.
 - Inserts should be at church by Thursday so are not having to be stuffed on Sabbath morning.
 - Will keep tweaking it.
- Heads of Ministries Policy: Heads have input as to assistants and that his/her suggestions be followed so can work well together, but the choice is subject to nominating committee approval.
 - Will rewrite and bring it back.
 - New members – nominating committee or something can help that person find a place to serve.
 - Option to have nominating committee operate all year around.
 - Should put procedure with each of your policy – procedure could address a lot of the policy on this.
 - At one time had an interim nominating committee selected by the nominating committee instead of the Church Board.
- Internet/Cell Phone Policy:
 - Add under 1.b. church owned computer will have filter.

Darmody/LaMountain Concert:

- Discussion re buying/selling/advertising wares during a concert.
- We can control it.

Pastor’s Reports:

Shirley Gee tendered her resignation with the Church. Her last day will be August 14, 2009. The church office is working on a job description and will advertize for a secretary.

Board Minutes

09-037: Moved to approve the minutes of June 24, 2009

Passed

Membership Transfers

In – Janae Handke-Held from Springfield SDA Church in Springfield, OR
Janice Lewton from Rockwood SDA Church in Portland, OR
Anthony Nelson from Pleasant Hill SDA Church in Pleasant Hill, OR

Out – Mark and Janette Remboldt to Whipple Creek SDA Church in
Ridgefield, Washington

09-038: Moved to recommend the membership transfers to the Church
Passed

Beginners Class

09-039: Moved to vote Anita Peterson and Candice Frantz as leaders.
Passed

Email Address

The Church email address will be changed to yancouveradventist@gmail.com.

Treasurer's Report

The loss for year is the cost of resealing the parking lot which was not in budget.

09-038: Moved to accept Treasurer's Report subject to audit.
Passed

The meeting was closed with prayer by Wayne Alvarez.

Church Clerk
Darlene Wilson

Asst. Church Clerk
Tammy Hendrix