

Elder meeting

11/26/2024

7:15pm

In attendance:

Joe Paskewich

John Powell

Keith Newer

Aaron Hastings

- 1) Opening with prayer

- *(Aaron opened with Prayer)*

- Joe read a scripture

- 2) Open with a discussion of summary verse of Book of Second Corinthians everybody just taught through. Chapter 13:11-14

- *IN KEEPING WITH AND AFFIRMING 2 CORINTHIANS 13:11-14 GOING FORWARD IN RENEWAL, REVIVAL AND TRANSITION WE AFFIRM*

- Meetings were scheduled with Rolph and Holdridge

- 3) They are still willing to help with transition

- *(Our 18 Month Transition Schedule of August 1 – December 31 gets pushed up to Jan 15 – Easter as we pursue, Renewal, Revival, and Leadership Transition. Define initial calendar)*

- There was a yes or no vote

- Aaron said yes

- John said yes

- Keith said yes

- 4) Sending pastor into his next field of ministry

- *(Reaffirm going forward a commitment in departments, on all levels, congregational and leadership to WIN. DISCIPLE, SEND with a*

special emphasis this time sending the pastor into his next field of ministry)

- Aaron said a church member said they wanted Joe to stay on to teach but we need better administration
- Aaron said yes
- John asked what Joe wanted to do
- Joe shared everything he has been doing
- It is quite a bit
- The Bible school was big on the list
- Joe wants to multiply leaders
- He thinks that is what he is supposed to do
- John asked about moving forward
- John said how will you feel with a new pastor
- Joe isn't interested in being an elder
- He isn't getting out of ministry
- He said God's grace is sufficient for him
- John asked this in case he is being questioned by someone
- Joe has sought much counsel on this
- He spoke on Acts 29 movement
- Joe feels he is similar to the man who started this movement
- It's about planting churches but he still is apart of his church
- The man isn't the senior pastor or an elder
- Joe sees himself like that
- He wants to just tell people about Jesus
- This will be good if people ask questions
- We have work to do to get to that place
- We need a good calendar and time frame to get to this place
- Let's get our ducks in a row
- Let's help Joe do this
- John said yes

- Keith would love to send Joe out into his next field of ministry
- He has concerns though
- Technically he would say yes though
- Joe read from the bylaws
- He then spoke of revival
- Joe said it “popping”
- Churches are using similar models
- Good music, good coffee
- Calvary has the teaching though
- Joe is committed to steering us back to Calvary chapel or we should merge
- Joe says there is room for Calvary chapel in New England

- **5) Are we gonna keep Calvary chapel a Calvary chapel?**

- *(Reaffirm being a Calvary Chapel in the spectrum of good churches in our region each doing their part according to their vision, mandate, by-laws, leadership requirements, values, elders feeding the flock, deacons with upkeep and facilities, business board overseeing the business governance structure, evangelistic and discipleship methods. Staff executing tasks. Loving the whole Body while affirming our identity and practice as bringing something valuable to the table.)*
- It starts with a vision
- The next person needs to lead the way they want to lead
- It is a Moses model
- David Guzik talks about it
- Aaron says yes
- John says yes
- Keith says yes
- There was discussion on it again

- Accountability was questioned
- **“You are only accountable as you want to be” Jered Murphy**

- **6) Reaffirm love with the rest of the body of Christ**
 - *(Reaffirm our distinctives and our love and cooperation with the wider Body in our region, our local and national partnerships.)*
 - We need to connect with the rest of the body in eastern CT
 - Unity in the body of Christ
 - Everyone was in agreement
 - It was discussed for elders to greet every Sunday
 - Keith stated he does this weekly by the sound booth


- **7) Win disciple send**
 - *(Reaffirm Winning, Discipling, and Sending our region and geographical vision by diligently applying our ‘Campus Handbook’ to all that we do.)*
 - Multi sight works
 - Most growing churches are that
 - Do we reaffirm and pass it on?
 - Let’s get everyone aligned
 - Everyone was in agreement

- **8) A commitment to making personal witnessing a priority**
 - *(Reaffirm from the top to the bottom a commitment to win the lost, our neighbors, our co-workers, friends making personal witnessing a priority.)*
 - Have we strayed from that as a church?
 - We need to get back to it
 - Everyone was in agreement

- 9) Let's execute everything well

- *(Affirm the necessity and practice to execute everything well; decently and in order, peacefully, professional, simply, and in a constant mode of striving to do professionally, everything with excellence, including transparency in communication, keeping careful notes and minutes available to the Body of Believers)*
- Keeping notes on everything is important
- The church has fallen from that
- We will use simplified Robert's rules of order
- David Guzik commented on this
- His message on this will be sent out
- Everyone was in agreement
- Joe said we need to have a meeting to discuss the transition even further
- We need to put it out to those who may be interested
- It was said that the ideal way of doing it would be that it will go through 5 levels:
 - 1. Leadership core
 - 2. Board
 - 3. Staff
 - 4. Outside help
 - 5. Then the congregation
- The meeting ended in prayer

Meeting notes

Inbox 



Aaron Hastings

Sent from my iPad



Martin Barrett

to Aaron, me, Keith, John, Timothy, Bryan 

Sounds like a good meeting based on the notes. I m a yes on this.

ELDERS MEETING, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 7 PM

FOCUS: Commitment to who we are, what we are called to, how we are to do it, in a desire to see Renewal, Revival, Leadership Transition, and effective ministry cross-generationally, with a specific focus on Next-Gen level discipleship, and leadership development.

(I) Open with Prayer

(II) Open with a discussion of summary verse of Book of Second Corinthians everybody just taught through. Chapter 13:11:14

IN KEEPING WITH AND AFFIRMING 2 CORINTHIANS 13:11-14 GOING FORWARD IN RENEWAL, REVIVAL AND TRANSITION WE AFFIRM, REAFFIRM AND EMPHAISIZE THE FOLLOWING:

(III) Our 18 Month Transition Schedule of August 1 – December 31 gets pushed up to Jan 15 – Easter as we pursue, Renewal, Revival, and Leadership Transition. Define initial calendar.

(IV) Reaffirm going forward a commitment in departments, on all levels, congregational and leadership to WIN. DISCIPLE, SEND with a special emphasis this time sending the pastor into his next field of ministry.

(V) Reaffirm being a Calvary Chapel in the spectrum of good churches in our region each doing their part according to their vision, mandate, by-laws, leadership requirements, values, elders feeding the flock, deacons with upkeep and facilities, business board overseeing the business governance structure, evangelistic and discipleship methods. Staff executing tasks. Loving the whole Body while affirming our identity and practice as bringing something valuable to the table.

(VI) Reaffirm our distinctives and our love and cooperation with the wider Body in our region, our local and national partnerships.

(VII) Reaffirm Winning, Discipling, and Sending our region and geographical vision by diligently applying our ‘Campus Handbook’ to all that we do.

(VIII) Reaffirm from the top to the bottom a commitment to win the lost, our neighbors, our co-workers, friends making personal witnessing a priority.

(IX) Affirm the necessity and practice to execute everything well; decently and in order, peacefully, professional, simply, and in a constant mode of striving to do professionally, everything with excellence, including transparency in communication, keeping careful notes and minutes available to the Body of Believers.

10/30/24 Joe's return meeting

Introduction:

- The meeting started with prayer and silence
- Joe spoke to begin the meeting
- Joe has been enjoying his time away
- He has noticed that revival is coming to New England
- He feels that one missed up as elders and church leaders that we did not record our meetings
- This is something we will start doing
- There will still be confidentiality in pastoral issues
- At every church that Joe visited, there was a great presentation
- Meaning there was greeting, coffee, worship, etc...
- Much of the teaching was not helpful though
- Chuck Smith said don't teach from the Bible, teach the Bible
- This is our goal
- Calvary is just a blip in church history
- Yeah, Calvary Chapel is still bringing something to the table, which is:

1)Distinctives:

- Calvary Chapel distinctive mention, the salt has lost its flavor
- Have we lost our flavor?
- Vision is needed and elders would be helping with that

PREFACE.....	
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- We should be speaking on:
- Joe believes that we have kept the church (people) in the dark
- there were mentions of maybe live streaming an elders meeting
- Joe has been involved in starting Bible school in Cuba as well as in New England
- He mentioned becoming old
- He will be passing off, and will tell the congregation

2)Moving Forward:

- If moving forward works, it works
- Does God want this to continue?
- Joe believes that he was fulfilled the trust God has given to him
- We need to bring something to the table
- Past is now behind us/we will not rehash
- Maybe someone will step in soon, or maybe later
- We will be working with Church planters (Bill Holdridge)
- Joe then mentioned he will not come to the meeting with his personal life and issues
- It was discussed that we can talk about strategy, organization, and structure
- Other things are nobody's business, and this is in line with confidentiality

3)Discussion:

- Keith then said the past is behind us
- You said meetings, as well as all of our other gathering should be based from the scripture
- There was some disagreement that we have or have not been doing that
- There was then mention of not finishing in the spirit, but acting out in the flesh
- Joe confess to failing in that aspect
- This is the reasoning of going through the Calvary Chapel directives
- We will still be teaching from second Corinthians and adding the directives weekly
- Who was mention of accountability as well as some of the information being put out being inaccurate
- We then went back to the directives
- As well as the bylaws and Constitution to be followed, and this was agreed-upon

4)Transition talk:

- It was brought up to call Joe Focht
- Joe said that he has been speaking with the surrounding Calvary people
- There was mention of ministry drifting
- This meaning maybe we do not know where we are or what our identity is
- Joel, he has been interested with this min
- He will follow this to whoever takes the helm
- This will go according to the bylaws and everyone will be involved
- There will be a three-quarter vote, which is needed so all the people will know
- Moving forward, transition
- We need to get to the candidates
- Bryan then asked important questions

- Is there a timeline?
- How long will this take?
- Who are the candidates?
- Are they quality?
- These are questions that need answering
- Transitions can take a year to three years
- A deadline is OK and we want to let the people know
- We do not want to drag this out forever

Conclusion:

How this is done:

- Church planters are asked to do an assessment
- What if a candidate says they are “slim” in an area?
- They worked with for a time to help in this area
- A candidate will come in with everything they need to win
- There will be caps that need to be put on things
- These are things that really need to be talked about
- Elders need to identify and make sure it’s a Calvary Chapel teacher
- John spoke and said he wants everything in the light
- There will be no room for misinformation and lies
- John feels like this is the best thing to do to avoid misunderstandings
- We speak about visions in a meeting, then everyone else knows about it
- Again, Pastoral issues will still secret
- Joe said we needed to continue in the bylaws
- Keith asked that Joe stop using the word “we”were making videos
- Joe says thank you and he will due to the fact that this is a distinctive
- There was prayer by John, and then the meeting was adjourned