

## May Council Report

Our May meeting convened at 7:00 pm on May 17, 2016. We began with personal stories of how God has been at work in our lives. We heard about trust, freedom and peace of mind, boldness and encouragement, the goodness of our God, calm in the midst of hectic activity, the problems of workplace colleagues, grace pursuant to the loss of a spouse, and the gift of pain.

Brad then led us in our continuing discussion of the book “7 Practices of Effective Ministry”. This month’s focus was on simplifying by thinking in terms of steps rather than programs. In order to be most effective, we need to be intentional in our thinking about how a ministry will serve our mission of changing hearts, homes, and cities for Christ. Every step should be easy, obvious, and strategic. And as we complete one step we should always be asking ourselves what’s next. After all, we dare not become complacent in the middle of the spiritual war we are engaged in!

Following approval of our Consent Agenda, and financial reports, we approved the following items:

- A Pastoral Support Team for Pastor Char. Members of that team are Dick and Cindy Mooers, Ken Heimdal, and Roxann Trendera.
- New membership applications
- A one-time supplemental contribution to the Northwest Conference of \$3150 in recognition of the support they have provided to FCC over the past few years
- Authorization to accept the bid of Kleve Mechanical to replace our boiler. \$40,000 will be appropriated from the Capital Funds budget to cover this work.
- FY2017 Budget representing an increase of approximately 15% over FY2016

Liaison reports were offered by Athele, Kavan, Cully, and Brad. Of particular interest is our need to find a candidate for the Recording Secretary position on the Council. We encourage anyone who has an interest to make that known to Kavan quickly. Cully noted that the GO Team was “thrilled” when told of the proposed increase in budgeted funding for missions. Brad reported that we have had several resumes submitted for the positions Dan and Tommy will soon be vacating, and that some interviews have already been scheduled.

We should also note that the annual business meeting has been set for June 19<sup>th</sup> in the Legacy Chapel immediately following the regular worship service. Among other things, we will be voting to approve the FY2017 budget, and to fill two vacant positions on the Council. We encourage everyone to make plans now to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm with Mark delivering the closing prayer.