

September Council Report

The Sept. meeting convened at 7:00 pm on Sept. 20, 2016. Brad opened with the question he and Jill pose to each other from time to time, "Where is your heart?" We went around the table sharing individually our joys, thankfulness, burden and cares, followed by a circle prayer for the person next to us. What an uplifting way to begin a meeting!

Next, we continued our discussion of the Andy Stanley book 7 Practices of Effective Ministry. Last month we began to focus on Practice #1, defined as "Clarify the Win", which is to define what is important at every level of our organization, kind of like setting goals in business. The purpose is so that every level of the organization is on the same page to accomplish effective ministry efficiently. More specifically to our situation, we want to ensure that everything we do supports our desire to become a church that is committed to becoming disciples who make disciples who make disciples.....

We each gave our thoughts on what a win would look like for the Council. Then Brad guided a discussion of how to express that win in a simple, concise statement. It is a work in progress to be continued next month. Stay tuned.

We approved our Consent Agenda; then accepted the August Financial Report. Jim Boldenow walked us through the reformatted balance sheet which now captures the numbers according to our Gather, Grow, Go concept. Jim and Brad also explained how Carol's duties are being restructured for when Jen Sorensen replaces her. One element of that is a 10 hour part time book keeping position primarily dealing with accounts payable. Lisa McKenzie, one of our MOMS, has been engaged to fill this position. Now that looks like a win!

JD updated us on the Safety Team work he has been leading. Sheep Dog Ministry, the consultant he conferred with has recommended we acquire two-way radios to facilitate rapid communications if we have an incident. To that end, Council approved an expenditure of up to \$2,000 for new radios.

Liaison reports were provided on PAC, Go Team, and Communications.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 with a closing prayer from Kristy