



**ELDER BOARD MINUTES  
May 8, 2017**

**Board Elders Present:** The following Board Elders were present. John Parrish—Chairman, Mike Bickley, Doug Brownlee, Brandon Champagne, Greg Emas, Jeff Glendening, Dallas Hayden, Phil Hoskins, Steven Kern, Jay Schroeder, and Tom Seibert.

**Board Elders Absent:** Ray Zuercher (in Liberia).

**Non-Board Elders and Guests Present:** Ed Simon (Elder) as Treasurer, was present for the financial report. Chris Tatham (Elder) presented information on Jerusalem Roll-Out.

**Agenda Items:**

- The meeting was opened in prayer by Tom Seibert at 8:08 p.m.
- Tom Seibert moved and Jeff Glendening seconded a motion that the minutes of the April 10, 2017, Board meeting be approved without amendment; followed by a unanimous affirmative vote.
- Ed Simon presented the end-of-April financial report (prepared by Karl Morgner, Financial Analyst).
  - Giving was the second highest of the fiscal year, to date.
  - General Fund giving was \$66K (3.4 percent) ahead of last year.
  - Giving units to General Fund has increased by 70 units (12 ½ percent).
  - Expenses were \$10K under budget.
  - Contributions exceeded expenses by \$30K.
  - No reserves were used in April. Reserve balance at end of April: \$108,125
- Elder's Retreat: No action to report. Tabled to later date.
- Christmas Offering Use: Ray Zuercher previously sent out a list of the planned and actual uses of the funds to date.
- Mission Trip Contribution Policy: Tabled to later date
- Tom Seibert led discussion about a draft Ministry and Board Elder Orientation training plan. Some comments were provided and the committee will make some adjustments to be presented at a later date.

- Finance Committee Report: Phil Hoskins reported they continue to staff the committee.
- Restructuring Matrix: Mike Bickley presented a draft plan about restructuring staff organization and how we do ministry and work together to move people through Connecting, Transforming and Serving. The framework was presented but details of how it will work is under process. Chris Tatham added to this with information about geographic-based ministry.
- M2819 Fund: Dallas Hayden presented a request to allocate \$10,000 to purchase SD cards, study books and bibles for the Gumuz and Mareko people in the Omo Valley of Ethiopia. Phil Hoskins moved and Tom Seibert seconded a motion to approve this request, followed by a unanimous affirmative vote.
- A motion/second to adjourn, and subsequent unanimous affirmative vote, resulted in the meeting being adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Dallas Hayden, acting secretary