

**ELDER BOARD MINUTES**  
**November 13, 2017**

**Board Elders Present:** The following Board Elders were present: Dallas Hayden, Chairman, Doug Brownlee, Clay Cartwright, Greg Emas, Jeff Glendenning, Steven Kern, Dennis Miller, Mike Oberholtzer, Tom Seibert, BJ Weil

**Board Elders Absent:** Mike Bickley (vacation), Ray Zuercher

**Non-Board Guest:** Cody Waterman, Proclaim Church

**Agenda Items:**

**Old Business**

- Chairman Dallas Hayden called the meeting to order at 8:15 and Steven Kern opened in prayer.
- Guest Cody Waterman, the pastor of the start-up Proclaim Church in Bonner Springs, KS (a plant of Mill Creek Church) presented a synopsis of the vision and progress of the start-up process and goals of Proclaim Church. Their goal is to have \$435k pledged by January, 2018 and a launch 8-9 months later, and self-sustainability within three years. They presently have a team of 40 adults committed to leadership. Olathe Bible Church would be welcomed to support this effort as a “Grandparent” church.
- Discussion ensued as to whether and how to support Proclaim Church. Action was tabled until greater clarity is provided to the board of how this fits into our other church planting efforts.
- Finance Committee: On behalf of the committee Dallas Hayden reported that the decision to replace our church accounting software has been made, but no alternative has been chosen. This process could be lengthy.
- Childcare issues: Nothing new was reported.
- Staff restructuring: Chairman Hayden announced that he would soon appoint a task force to “brainstorm” staff structure. There will be a retreat in the last week of November.
- The minutes from October were belatedly approved. Motion to approve by BJ Weil and seconded by Clay Cartwright. The vote was unanimous to approve.
- Financial report: The “Five Fast Financial Facts prepared by Karl Morgner were reviewed. (Copy attached to these minutes.)

**New Business**

- Christmas offering allocation: The Christmas offering goal and allocation was discussed. Doug Brownlee moved that we set a goal for the Christmas offering of \$350,000 with the allocation of the receipts to be proportional based on the \$350,000 goal with \$150,000 going to Church General Fund; \$100,000 for the study and preparation for church facility expansion/modification or facility improvement; \$50,000 for local church planting efforts; and \$50,000 for global church planting efforts. Steve Kern seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- Church Safety: The report from the safety team given at the ministry elder meeting earlier was discussed. The board was pleased with the safety teams early and timely progress.
- Jeff Glendenning moved and Steve Kern seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.
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Respectfully submitted by Tom Seibert, acting secretary

**November Minutes Addendum:** Due to timing needs for the publication of the Christmas offering an email votes was taken on the following motion by Dallas Hayden and seconded by Mike Bickley.

“Funds raised for ‘Local Church Planting’ during the 2017 Olathe Bible Church Christmas Offering be designated to support planting of our Grand-child church, 'Proclaim church' in Bonner Springs, Kansas. And, funds raised

for “Global Church Planting” be designated to support the building of a Pastor Training Center in the North Omo Valley in Key Afer, Ethiopia.”

The motion passed unanimously by email votes copied to every board member.

November 17, 2017. Tom Seibert, acting secretary