

## Elders Board Minutes, July 9, 2024

**Elders present (Absent):** Bob Hinze, Brad Owens, Brian Salvey, Chuck Tomac, David Lane, Jonathan Payne, Mike Sheets, Steve Schmidt, Tom Hester; Pastor Kevin, Pastor John

### A. Regular Business Items

- Approve minutes for last month: Approved through email and posted

### B. Information or Consent Agenda Items:

- **Approved by Consent:** None

- **Information**

- **Status Reports**
- **Ongoing Information Items:** Sermon Series & Preaching Calendar; Pastor Absences
- **Online Ministry Task Force:** Meeting planned for Thursday, June 13
- **Quarterly Report: Livestream Attendance**
- **FY25 Proposed Budget:** Elders are to see that their ministry’s budget is submitted **by July 26**, following the instructions in the email from Shannon and Pete, using a Google sheet or the attached Excel workbook.

- **Quarterly Report: Elder Flock Contacts**

Year	Quarter	# Family Units	# Family Units Contacted	% Contacted	% Range Contacted	% 2-way contacts	% Range 2-way
2022-2023 Year-Ave		159	154	97%	76%-100%	83%	31%-100%
2023	Oct.-Dec.	150	149	99%	94%-100%	87%	65%-100%
2024	Jan.-Mar.	160	157	98%	93%-100%	91%	73%-100%
2024	Apr.-June	159	157	99%	94%-100%	91%	75%-100%
2023-2024 Year-Ave		156	153	99%	94%-100%	89%	65%-100%

- **Quarterly Report: Pastor of Family Ministry (Pastor John)**

1. Preschool Leadership Team – Our next meeting is set for August 29<sup>th</sup>. Last week one of our staff members resigned and Alyxis was quick to put a job posting on our website and announce it in church. We have gotten our survey results back and have contacted the households by email that had questions or marked areas of interest.
2. Youth -Learn the Gospel. We had 8 students participate in our Sunday morning class but only three were regular attendees. All the students that participated seemed to enjoy the material, and two of the students were friends from the community.
3. “6:15 at BSLC” worship on Wednesday nights. We had a group meeting and feedback session in early June and the group decided to continue meeting on a more limited basis throughout the summer. Our last session 6/26 had the highest attendance yet (approx.30 people). We hope to add childcare each week for children up to 4 years old.
4. In the spring I attended the NOW district YFM Conference at Lutherhaven in ID. The conference was about personal spiritual rest. A LCMS district staff person lead our interactive rest and reflection sessions. It was also a time of networking and encouragement.
5. Our family ministry team has agreed to set up a half day VBS event at Happy Valley Park for the end of August in a combined effort with the SIX 15 worship team.
6. Summer Sunday school was identified as a need. We are building a team of people to help with a lighter curriculum that is user friendly. This will allow parents to attend Bible class while their children are being taken care of.
7. The BPM notes have driven our desire to improve our technology and storytelling. We are looking at a proposal to become equipped and trained in recording, editing, and sharing videos of what God has been doing in the lives of our church families.
8. On a personal note, Mary and I had a wonderful time on our Hawaii Vacation; it was a 10/10! (And I almost never give anything a 10). Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

### Prayer Time

## C. Discussion/Action Items:

### 1. Annual Elder Election Process – Candidate Affirmation

The mentor for each of the Elder candidates shared mentoring highlights and the mutual decision on continuing toward election; the Elder candidates shared their thoughts and decision as well.

The board unanimously affirmed all elder candidates for election at the congregational meeting in August as follows: (Current Elders, returning) Bob Hinze, Chuck Tomac, Mike Sheets; (New candidates) Jerry Unruh, Guy Bales, Steve Mysinger

### 2. Review of membership status (flock members identified by assigned elder)

The board reviewed the status of any “Drifted” members, as well as those with infrequent attendance.

**Elder Decision:** One family unit was changed from COV: Drifted to NA: Former COV and one member was changed from COV: Regular Worshipper to COV: Drifted.

### 3. Men’s Ministry Event at Wichita Pub

The board was asked to read the the statement from Brad Owens: Biblical Backing for Alcohol at Church Events

Alcohol is not prohibited Biblically or by LCMS. Additionally, Wichita Tavern, though a Tavern in name, is not solely a bar. It includes activities (shuffleboard) and food, similar to Gaffer’s Pub.

Discussion included the vision for Men’s Ministry, that of reaching the lost by building relationships, sometimes in venues other than the church campus. It also included a reminder of the standards set for alcohol at Men’s events, maintaining a safe level of consumption. The issue was then clarified: The presence of alcohol itself was not the issue, but rather the possible perception of BSLC at that particular venue.

**Motion A:** Accept Brad’s written statement on the use of alcohol at Beautiful Savior Events as the support for the Elder’s position. **Unanimously approved.**

**Elder thoughts:** Request that Men’s Ministry (and all ministries) be additionally sensitive to potential venues that may cause another member to stumble (wineries, breweries, distilleries, stadiums, parks, etc...) and seek advice from another leader/group

**Motion B:** Continue discussion at the August Meeting; **Unanimous support.** *This continuation had to do with a suggestion of designating a particular member as the checkpoint for venues.*

### 4. TABLED - Sunday Worship Time - Consider change

### 5. Impromptu Items:

Time did not allow for impromptu items.