

Epiclesis COE August Minutes - 2014

Aug. 08, 2014

Facilitator: Ellen Koehler

Minutes taken by: Loren Koehler

Location: the Cole home

Present: Ellen Koehler, Loren Koehler, Richard Bethel, Chris Alford, Kristy Cole, Marianne Sutter, Greg Sutter, Ron Richardson, Don Bowes, Bill Cole, Tracey Bennett

Absent: Steve and Barb Pinson, Doug Asche

Meeting Devotional –

- The meeting was opened and led by Ellen Koehler after prayer and a devotion led by Ellen.
- Devotional – Ellen
 - o Ellen led the COE in devotional readings as she uses in the weekly writing of the Epiclesis Liturgy, starting with the concept of “Heart Song” and asking, what does it mean to us? Ellen pointed to the idea of weaving of scriptures as we experience on Sunday mornings and asked, “where do heart and song come together?”

Meeting Minutes –

I. Reflections on Sunday visitor and his feedback via his blog

- Ron R. asked us to consider what was said by the visitor.
 - o Greg S., “Felt so blessed that I am going to a church like this.”
 - o Ellen K. told us of a comment shared by Susan Spann, “Blessed by Chris walking around, and turned around with joy in his heart to begin the service.” It is not a burden to be here at Epiclesis.
 - o Kristy C., Visitor did a similar blog for visits to other churches. Visitor seemed to have a checklist.
 - Bill C., Having pastor say “Gubersmack” is really cool. COE noted the urban spelling as Goober smack, defined as:

“A person who thinks that they are well liked or cool, but are very far from it.”

II. **Financial Topics** (six items) – Bill Cole

1. Financial Summary of first fiscal month, July 2014, uptick of \$833. 23 giving. Twenty Three families gave during the month.

- Cash flow is ok for July.
- Coles out of town for the next 3 Sundays (24, 31st, Sept 7th). Question, how should we handle bank deposits?
 - A copy of all checks is needed, for later entry into the accounting system.
 - Don Bowes will take the money deposits to the bank as well as make a copy of the checks.
 - However, Don will be gone the 7th
 - Coles will deposit the monies for the 7th

2. Progress and Status for Chris Alford on the Retirement account advisor discussion.

- Chris A. has considered several instruments and scenarios.
- Chris needs to decide at what level he will fund his retirement account.

Bill Cole – Feedback from one advisor,

- Develop a financial plan for the Alfords
 - Guidance on what this means for the Alfords
- Then the advisor will brief the council
 - Advisor would consider the service rendered as a donation to the Kingdom.

3. COE Meeting Logistics – Sept 11, need to move the COE meeting location.

- Proposal location change for COE meetings

Proposed Changed Location and schedule	Current Schedule
Sept – Sutters	Sept - Coles
Oct – Asches	Oct – Sutters

Nov – Alford's	Nov – Alford's
Dec - TBD	Dec - Asche's

4. How has God spoken to us in the area of stewardship.

- Question posed in church service, How have you seen God at work in the Kingdom?
 - Marianne S. – This is part of DNA is church coming together to worship
- Examples of giving - \$200 for the 200 copies of the gospel of John for the Barnabas bags
- Rent \$\$ goes to 7th- Day Advent missions
- Bill C., Q: should the COE feed suggestions to Chris as examples to use in the service? – yes

5. Discernment on the Coles resigning from the COE - Replacement of chief financial officer and book keeper.

- Request to replace Bill and Kristy by the end of the year.
 - Loren K , proposed the idea of Kristy C. to provide a quarterly financial audit.
 - Bill C, propose moving to an outside book keeper while Coles are still present.
 - This would make transition easier.
 - Bank deposits
 - Kristy C – we could make the bank deposit and then give the information to the book keeper
 - Make the photo copy to the accountant once a month
 - Checks could be written by hand versus computer generate checks
 - Kristy C. noted that the person who reconciles the bank account should be different from the person who deposits it.
 - Kristy C, noted that the person writing the checks should not sign the checks.

- Bill C, asks if it would be ok to approach a person on his mind for CFO before discussing with COE; Council gave its consent.
- **Motion:** Chris A. made motion – Coles to investigate book keepers and summarize the results
 - o Cost unknown - \$100 to \$300 per month
 - o Richard B 2nd
 - o Vote - All in favor

6. Support for Dianne Collard

- Chris A. shared his discussion with Dianne regarding Epiclesis supporting her ministry.
 - o Yes we will support you, but it is more than support, it is partnering together.
- Time for us to move forward on COE question of support.
- Marianne S, Q: what does partnering mean to Dianne? She also requested clarification as to what an enhanced partnership looks like.
 - o Chris A – Extension of ministry
 - o Don B – they don't know what the future holds for them
 - o Kristy C, this is more of a kingdom building area of support

Current Allocations: Kingdom building allocation @ 15%, Missions @ 35%

- **Motion:** Chris A. made motion. Gift of \$1,200.00 to Dianne Collard, and Chris will communicate the ongoing relationship.
 (**note:** \$1,200 represents a gift of \$100 per month for 12 months, based on original COE discussion of June 2014)
 - o 2nd – Marianne S
 - o Vote – all in favor
 - o Action – Chris A, to ask for Dianne C. for her SSN for tax purposes, since the gift is over \$600.
 - o Final discussion, define, “Kingdom building”
 - “more ongoing”;
 - “what is not missional”
 - “Supporting someone who is also part of the Kingdom.”

II. Discipleship topic – Ellen

Due to the meeting time constraint, Ellen will send out email on the topic

III. Epiclesis Retreat Plans

Discussion points

1. Elders need to let Chris know if you plan to attend
2. Cost per person is \$35
3. Epiclesis should reimburse the airfare for the retreat speaker, Carl.

IV. New Missions Task Force – Ellen

- COE has not had time to debrief amongst self after the meeting at the Pinsons' home with Steve Scott in July
- Chris noted that two radio interviews with Steve Scott have been posted to the Epic website.
 - o Encouraged the Elders to listen to them.

V. Adjourn at 9pm, closed in prayer by Ron.