

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

PRESENT: Liz Benton (ex officio), Jay Bilyeau, James Crain, Genie Farmer, Tom Hallman, George Howle, John Kennon, Bob Kosky, Mark Mahoney
Midge Rothrock

ABSENT: Trent Arnold, Archie Hargett (ex officio), Paige Tiffany

Meeting convened at 7 p.m. in Room 116 by Tom Hallman, with an opening in prayer. Again, efforts for the duration were focused on data from the Cottage Meetings.

As assigned at last month, we each worked on our specific sections of the data. Further, Tom did a cover letter that would accompany these consolidated reports, when they are forwarded through Archie and the Church Council to the Committees of topical interest.

With positive reviews by attendees, and some slight touch-up work remaining, the data is ready to go forward to Council. Per suggestion of George, we will have a rep from this committee go to each Church Council Committee meeting and explain what it is we are doing, and what we are asking them to do with the reports provided. Bob Kosky agreed with having “accountability” for these important next steps. The assignments to schedule time and to present at various committees were confirmed; and, match 1:1 with the topics already covered by various individuals. (Jay DID brief Council last month of our progress on the Cottage Meeting data, so they have some awareness of our efforts already.)

Tom agreed to consolidate the various reports, and with Jay’s help, to prepare packages of the data (cover letter, sectional summaries along with any clarifying remarks from George and Elizabeth, as well as full data spread sheets of all the organized comments) in time for the next Church Council meeting, held on Tuesday, May 23rd.

Any of our committee members who are interested and available are invited to attend Council meeting, held in the Chapel, when the Cottage Meeting data discussions are presented.

Additionally, George will be attending a two-day train-the-trainer session on Christian Schwartz’s “Natural Church Development”, covering the next steps. (George may need to leave this session slightly early to return in time to attend Church Council on Tuesday.) More information from George about the “fit” of Schwartz’s process will help us with future considerations in our planning efforts.

Next meeting will be June 20th at 7 p.m. We will be reminded, and told of room location. James has a conflict and is excused.

George again thanked this committee for the substantial efforts to date, and closed us in prayer.