

Story Church Elder Meeting Notes

203 S. Jamestown Blvd. Rogersville, MO

Meeting Date: 5/1/2024, 6:00pm

Elders Present: Chris Ballard, Seth Bunn, Clay DeWoody, Judd McNaughton

Elders Absent: None

Others Present: None

Summary of Meeting:

1) Fraser Armstrong

Fraser met with the elders and offered to lead worship, along with his wife Christina, during Chris's sabbatical, and the elders accepted that offer. They plan to utilize current band members if possible, and fill in with outside band members when necessary. This plan will be communicated with the church on Sunday.

2) Ty Heinrichs

Ty met with the elders and discussed his experience working with youth and desire to help in that area. He offered to serve Story Youth as an overall coordinator and leader, and the elders accepted that offer. He will be introduced in that new role this Sunday.

3) Chapter Groups

Clay discussed each of the chapter groups based on his recent interactions with each of the leaders. He is continuing the ongoing meeting and training of chapter group leaders on a monthly basis using the "Know. Live. Tell." format.

4) Sabbatical

- 1)** All of the preaching slots and worship leading slots have been filled.
- 2)** Clay will begin his official duties the week before Chris begins his sabbatical and will end them a week after Chris returns.
- 3)** Clay and Seth will share duties of direct oversight, and division of duties was discussed. Seth will continue to serve in the pastoral care role and oversee the building and operations. Clay will be over the Sunday gatherings (order of service, preachers, worship leaders, weekly email, Facebook, etc). They will work together overseeing the coffee shop manager. Seth will maintain his current level of availability and onsite presence, and Clay will greatly increase his availability and on site presence during the sabbatical.
- 4)** The purpose and boundaries of the sabbatical will be further communicated as Chris leaves. It will also be communicated that generally speaking, sabbaticals involve spending time with counselors, mentors, and friends outside of the church, traveling, and learning. Chris plans to participate in each of those things.
- 5)** Goals for the church during the sabbatical include healing as a body and building community.

5) Moving Forward

In light of recent difficulties, several issues were discussed:

- 1) Although we had a “family meeting” after both services last Sunday to discuss recent difficult events, some ongoing conversations may still be necessary. In some cases, a written summary of the “family meeting” notes may be helpful.
- 2) We discussed some of the lessons we have learned through this process. Each of the elders will prayerfully consider those lessons and any additional ones that come to mind, and each elder will bring a summary of those lessons to discuss at a future meeting.
- 3) Job descriptions and job postings for Story Kids, Story Youth, and Story Worship leaders will be created prior to Chris’s sabbatical, so they can be submitted (as soon as it is decided to do so) after his return.
- 4) Plans for the fall include Joshua’s Men launch, a fall community event (“Some Friday”), a Covenant Partnership weekend, and presence of Story Coffee at outside events.

6) Financial Reports

The following reports were received and reviewed:

- 1) The Story Church Statement of Activity
- 2) Storytime Coffee Company Profit and Loss

Jim Coffey has agreed to serve as the church treasurer. Clay will serve on the finance team as the elder representative. They will work to fill out the remainder of the finance team to ensure extra layers of oversight and redundancy.

The timing and specifics of future staff hires will be re-evaluated at the end of the summer with potential income changes in mind.

7) Administrative Assistant

Joy has submitted her resignation as church administrator. We will immediately seek to fill the role of part-time administrative assistant or secretary.

8) Recommendations from Accountant

- 1) Best practices for dealing with physical money offerings was discussed. Our finance team will coordinate volunteers to accomplish that task.
- 2) Best practices to protect our non-profit status as we handle the coffee shop and the leasing of building space was discussed. Chris will contact our accountant to get the name of a potential attorney to give a written recommendation.

9) Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the most recent elder meeting was made by Clay and seconded by Seth. The motion was approved by unanimous acclamation.

A bullet-point summary version of elder minutes will be produced after each meeting. That version will be published to the website, so it will be available publicly.

10) Prayer

11) Next Elder Meeting
Wednesday, June 5, 2024