

BERKELEY COVENANT CHURCH
MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING — 14 April 2007 (unapproved)

Pastor Andrew opened our meeting at 5:57 p.m. with a time of singing and prayer. Vice Chair Steve Blankespoor (presiding at the request of chair Peter de Laveaga) called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. Nineteen members and one friend signed the attendance roster.

There being no quorum present, it was M/S/C to schedule a congregational business meeting for Sunday 6 May during the agape feast. We did no other business but heard reports.

PASTOR'S REPORT — Andrew mentioned the following:

- He and Lynn expected the **birth** of their son soon.
- He was excited that our interim associate pastor, **Amy Mark**, would begin work soon. At first she would focus on our Sunday worship service.
- He wished to renew a focus on existing and new **home groups**. He hoped that one to three new groups would be planted soon.
- The **all-church retreat** was scheduled for 24-26 August at Frontier Ranch (part of Mission Springs Conference Center) and some nearby cabins.
- He requested our prayers for the **youth group**. The girls were no longer attending, leaving only Caleb Chen and Daniel Fiddes. He repeated a request for a male leader.

AMY MARK — Amy introduced herself to us. She affirmed God's hand and timing in her call to join us. She said her passion is **worship**. She would start work on 1 May. She asked prayer for her next two weeks, to include her farewell to the Riverbank church, her participation in a conference in Chicago, and her move to Berkeley.

PASTORAL SEARCH — Cathy Blankespoor referred us to the update recently emailed by Alice Fawzi. The committee had interviewed a potential candidate but they and the candidate had mutually decided that this was not a match. She requested our prayers for the process.

- Q: How is the committee doing? Cathy: They all continue to have energy and wish to continue.
- We thanked the committee for their hard work.
- Cathy thanked us for our prayers on their behalf. She said the committee had a strong practice of honoring one another's opinions and seeking **unity**.
- Andrew mentioned his intention to recommend that the committee be **reappointed** to continue their work. He invited our conversation on this question.
- Cathy (later in the meeting) emphasized the importance of keeping potential candidates' names **confidential**. She invited us as individuals to communicate directly with committee members.

CHAIR'S REPORT — Peter reported the following:

- He asked us whether we would find it acceptable if no speaker were planned for the **all-church retreat**. A show of hands seemed decisively opposed to that proposal.
- The board's offer of employment to Amy Mark was for at least six months.
- The board had granted Andrew two weeks of **paternity leave** plus two weeks of reduced service.
- Peter mentioned some of the coming **preaching schedule**. The next sermon series would be related to the season of Easter.
- On May 20 we would honor **Cathy Squires** on her retirement as director of Mustard Seed Preschool. There would also be a potluck. Peter suggested that gifts to honor her could be given to Little Flock Children's Home in Chennai, India, where Cathy and Bill were undertaking ministry.

TREASURER'S REPORT — Larry Cool mentioned some points related to his written report:

- In general, BCC's finances were "**okay**". Expenses and income had both been below the budgeted amounts. In one sense, our finances were "on the edge", being more than usually sensitive to changes.
- Q: What about renewing the **lease** with the 1540 Ada Street tenants? Dean Scrimgeour: The lease has been unofficially extended to the end of summer 2007.
- Larry said the loan on **1540 Ada Street** would come due on 10 June. He would seek a year's extension or refinance.
- Amy Mark's compensation included benefits totalling around 16% of her salary.

STEWARDS REPORT — John Kroeker mentioned the following:

- A **concrete slab** had been poured in the Dumpster area. This also solved the problem of surface drainage so that water would no longer flow to Carlotta Avenue over the sidewalk.
- A **shed** would be installed within six months.
- He had spoken briefly with the "**improvement committee**" who had volunteered to advance certain projects (sanctuary window coverings, exterior trim painting, and changing the pews). Vicky Brodt said there appeared to be some confusion about the committee's priorities.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY REPORT — Vicky reported the following:

- During **Children's Church**, ages were now blended into a larger group. Consequently the interval of teacher rotation had increased. More volunteers were needed.
- A male helper was wanted for **Crazy Club**. Peter said that eight to twenty children usually attended.

INTERCESSORS — Rich Rhodes said they had been meeting to pray in homes on the second Monday evening of each month, plus regular visits with Pam and Steve Stanley. Their members were Cathy Blankespoor, Larry Cool, Clayton Hill, Jeanne Pfeuffer, Mary and Rich Rhodes, and David Vahlstrom. Jeremy Milford was phasing out of membership while Leslie Sander was phasing in.

We ended the meeting with prayer at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Davidson
Secretary