

## Elders Board Minutes – July 12, 2022

**Elders present (Absent):** (Bob Hinze), Bobby Merritt, Brad Owens, Brian Salvey, Chuck Tomac, Hugh Bennett, Jonathan Payne, Mike Sheets, Rolf Christensen; Pastor Kevin; Guest: John Durkin

**Growth Session:** Pastor Kevin led a discussion on Communion in LCMS to increase elder understanding and unity on this doctrinal issue.

### A. Regular Business Items

- Approve minutes for last month: Approved via email
- Directors Board Elder Representatives: No meeting for reporting

### B. Information or Consent Agenda Items:

- Approved by Consent:
  - Changes in Membership: One family unit changed from COV:Regular Worshiper to NA:Former COV
- **Information** – None
  - John & Pastor Kevin’s Vacations/Time Away: John - Leaving June 18 (first to St. Louis) and back July 8; August 18-21 - taking Maddie to college; Pastor - Gone July 15-31 . In August, guest preachers (Pastor Kevin is here.); Paul Heinlein -August 2:
  - Flock Contact Report: April > June

Year	Quarter	# Family Units	# Family Units Contacted	% Contacted	% Range Contacted	% 2-way contacts	% Range 2-way
2019-2020	Year-Ave	183	174	95%	80%-100%	71%	11%-100%
2020-2021	Year-Ave	183	174	95%	85%-100%	71%	0%-100%
2021	Oct.-Dec.	159	155	97%	88%-100%	82%	63%-100%
2022	Jan.-Mar.	162	154	95%	71%-100%	83%	59%-100%
2022	*Apr.-June	170	156	92%	56%-100%	80%	44%-95%

\* Note: Increase in family units is due to elders families being assigned to flocks.

- Updated Flock Contact Log - This quarter elders should especially focus contacting those with yellow highlighted and non-highlighted (no contact) in Fam # column along with anyone classified as “Drifted”.  
**Our continued goal:** Two-way contact with 100% of our flock members each quarter.
- DFM report - John Durkin: None this month

### Prayer Time

### C. Discussion/Action Items:

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

Mentors presented their candidates to the board, with mutual agreement for the following to proceed to election in August. Through confidential deliberation, board unanimously affirmed the four candidates as follows:

New candidate: David Lane; Returning candidates: Bob Hinze, Chuck Tomac, Mike Sheets

#### 2. Shepherding & Congregational Care: Complete written procedures for Member Care

##### What does “quality” care look like?

- > Upon request, Rolf Christensen shared ideas as to how he shepherds his flock.
- > Bullet points on quality shepherding, were adopted by the board in March.

Next month: Narrative communication on this for the congregation/flocks

##### Review/Revise Critical Care Needs of Members Flowchart

Elders will receive and email prompt for a volunteer to work with Pastor Kevin and Mike to update this.

#### 3. Community Bingo Night, Initial Discussion

Pastor Kevin shared, for initial discussion, an idea for BSLC hosting Community Bingo nights. He shared thoughts on the objectives, possible structures, and issues to be considered. Elders shared some initial thoughts and questions. Discussion will continue at a future meeting.

#### **4. Impromptu Items**

Information: Altar Guild has requested this to be shared: Yellow cups for grape juice have been running out - stay alert to replenishing as needed. Altar Guild will add more to the center of the trays, although the pattern of use is not predictable

#### **Tabled Items:**

- **Examine ways to minister/connect to those engaging with BSLC online**

**Next Monthly Topic:** Plan for/assign adult Bible Classes (Sundays)

**Possible Additional Topics:** Status Review - Spiritual Care - Action Steps Implementation Plan; Narrative for Congregation/website: Quality Care for Flock Members; Elder Policies Review - from Task Force; Examine ways to minister/connect to those engaging with BSLC online; Community Bingo Night