

May 2023 Board Meeting Agenda

Date: 05/17/2023

Time: 7:15 PM

Location:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/627266189?pwd=UHV3VEp3UHRhR1ZnNDJQY1ZLQI8yUT09#success>

Participants: Ken, Katie, Serena, Andrew, Si Young

1. Check-in

2. Book discussion - Freeing Jesus

- a. Some of the themes discussed from Chapter 3 of the book included: what it means that Jesus is “savior”; ways we think about what Jesus accomplished in the context of Empire; wrestling with the consequences of the different beliefs (atonement theories, for example) she grew up with

3. Financial Update

- a. Ken C presented a look back at the past 5 years of tithes and offerings, noting that to date our tithes have sufficiently covered our expenses but that the margin is not a significant one.
- b. Tithes
 - i. April: \$6,752.64
 - ii. YTD: \$29,714.44
- c. Expenses
 - i. April: \$7,567.88
 - ii. YTD: \$28,946.14
- d. Additional updates from Ken C:
 - i. Moved our reserve funds into a money market mutual fund (4.7%)
 - ii. We are considering sharing with the community about the need for more tithes in order to increase staff stipends
 1. Ken H plans to meet with the Spiritual Advisory Council to discuss his plans and get their input on his financial plans moving forward.

4. Sunday Service and Church Logistics

- a. Check in with flow of service, volunteers, welcoming
 - i. Looking for additional volunteers to help fill roles, especially during the summer
- b. Brunch church - set for Sunday (5/21)
- c. Preparations for a congregational meeting (6/25)
 - i. SY will be preparing a financial report - requested that Katie share some areas of need for the church (potentially ask for more volunteers)
 - ii. Serena could potentially give a preview of some of the upcoming events in the next 6-12 months
- d. Importance of considering new building for growing church and children - must decide by August
 - i. Pastoral team will plan to reach out to local Seventh Day Adventist churches to see if they have available spaces for us to rent
- e. Initial plans and preparations for Ken's sabbatical in July
 - i. Plan will be to have 3 regular services and 1 brunch church
 - 1. May consider one guest speaker, with Katie speaking the other 2 weeks
 - ii. The Board agreed to increase Katie's stipend during July to reflect the additional work she would be performing then.
- f. Music Licensing - SY to investigate and get back to us on costs and potential considerations
- g. Care packages for members of the Congregation

5. Other Upcoming Services

- a. Looking forward
 - i. Father's day
 - ii. Baby dedications and baptisms - potentially planned in June

6. Small groups

- a. Start 5/22 - beginning "How the Bible Actually Works"
 - i. Small group leaders to gather questions from members and what people are thinking about to help pastoral team create class
- b. Consider "Rest as Resistance" book for summer reading small group along with Bible study group

7. Updates from the Pastoral Team

- a. Ideas and ongoing discussions, etc?
 - i. Previous meeting ideas and updates
 - 1. Put together a class on larger things about why we do things
 - 2. Discussion / initiatives re: time - discussions about how we view time (church year, Sunday liturgy)
 - a. Ken & Katie have been reading *The Common Rule*, talking about communities taking on common practices throughout the day
 - 3. Lord of the Rings marathon
 - 4. Hot Ones - fun thing for Ken to eat hot chicken wings asking theological questions
 - b. Updates on community service project → Home-y trial run in May?
 - i. Katie shared that Home-y may not be a great fit for our community just because of the logistics of planning
 - ii. Katie is going to look for a few other organizations, chat with a few folks + sign up for something
 - c. Ways to support Ken and Katie? How is the workload?

8. Bucket groups (including socials, events, service/volunteer ideas): Upcoming

- a. [Proposed Timeline for CK Events 2023](#)
- b. Beholding:
- c. Becoming:
 - i. Small groups (going May - July 2023)
 - ii. Follow ups on forum ideas and spearheaders, if any:
 - 1. Money forum - updates from SY?
 - a. Proposed date: July 2023
 - a. Proposed people: Kenneth Tang, Wen & Sundee Tong, Andrew, Ken Chuang(?)
 - 2. Mental health forum - updates from Serena?
 - a. Confirmed speaker: Dr. Regina Chow Trammel → working topic on API burnout and Christian mindfulness
 - b. Prepare honorarium: \$300-350?
 - i. **ACTION:** Ken C to prepare a check to give to Dr. Trammel

- 3. Politics and/or abortion - Andrew still working on this.
- d. Belonging:
 - i. Tea Party - 6/10 → email was sent out to a few ladies for planning
 - 1. Location → Woodbury or possibly Columbus Grove
 - ii. Lees Summer Social
 - 1. Schedule for July or August
 - iii. Anne Hong → Follow ups or more thoughts about support?
 - 1. Possible help with sabbatical
 - 2. Ken H to possibly reach out depending on July speaker schedule.

9. Retreats - Exploring Next Steps

- a. Church Retreat 2023
 - i. Confirmed for Sept 15-17th at Ponderosa (Palomar)
- b. Brainstorm ideas for topics and/or speakers
 - i. Need to figure out what people would want. Come up with topic before speaker
 - 1. Technology and Theology → ties in with distractions and habits
 - 2. Could “copy” topic ideas from past Ekklesia projects...
<https://www.ekkesiaproject.org/gatherings>
 - ii. The Board will brainstorm potential speakers and ideas before the end of May.
 - 1. Serena to follow up with her professor, Ken H to follow up on other potential speakers.

10. Long-Term Topics and Miscellaneous (for future discussion)

- a. Financial topics
 - i. Stipends for church leaders and analysis on church budget
 - ii. Follow up on Ken’s increase in stipend and long term plans in JUNE
- b. Sunday service ideas and pastoral team
 - i. Newcomers or “orientation” class (annual or bi-annual)
 - ii. Continued follow ups with Stan on internal CK website as needed
 - iii. Vincent to continue writing something up to send out for A/V team members → Ken and Katie learn how to edit the website from Vincent
 - iv. Need to organize the Google Drive → manage edit access
 - 1. SY continue to create onboarding doc for treasurer

- v. Propresenter software?
- c. Retreats
 - i. Visioning retreat early next year 2024
 - ii. Men's and women's retreat bi-annual
- d. **ACTION: Vincent upload meeting minutes on website**

11. Schedule June 2023 meeting

- a. Time/date/location: June 17, 2023 at 9:30 AM PT, location TBD.
- b. **Andrew** send action items to board, send meeting minutes to Vincent for upload to website, and put meeting minutes in the church drive in board 2023 folder

Meeting adjourned:

Action Items:

| Owner | Action Item |
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| Ken | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Announcement e-mail to go out this week ● Reach out to SDA churches about potentially renting space ● Meet with Spiritual Advisory Council re: stipend, finances ● Check in with Jeanette, Kris re: potential retreat speaking ● Confirm July guest speakers ● Consider <i>The Common Rule</i> book study / small group ● Follow up with new parents re: baby dedications |
| Katie | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reach out to SDA churches about potentially renting space ● Consider <i>The Common Rule</i> book study / small group ● Confirm July guest speakers ● Confirm 6/10 tea party - let Andrew know if we need him to rent clubhouse ● Continue exploring potential volunteer organizations to partner with |
| Serena | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Check in with Westmont professor re: retreat or forum speaking |
| Si Young | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continue thinking about Money forum (date, time, questions) |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prepare financial report for June congregational meeting |
| Andrew | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue thinking about Politics forum (date, time, questions)• send action items to board• send meeting minutes to Vincent for upload to website• put meeting minutes in the church drive in board 2023 folder |
| Janet | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• |
| Ken C | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• |
| Everyone | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue to brainstorm potential speakers and topics for retreat |