

ELDER Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date and Time

Date: Monday, March 11, 2024

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Meeting Location

Bengtson's Home

Attendance

ELDERS Present: Hokan Bengtson, Tony Dupay, Jerry Gudim, Joe Ley, and Chris Salvevold.

ELDERS Absent: none

A regular meeting of the ELDERS of Becker Evangelical Free Church was held on March 11, 2024 at 6 pm at Bengtson's home for the purpose of guarding, guiding, and governing the ministry of BEFC.

I. **Approval of the Agenda**

Hokan presented the meeting agenda via Google Docs and elders entered relevant items for review/discussion prior to the meeting.

II. **Opening Prayer and Personal Faith-Related Reflections**

Tony opened the meeting in prayer at 6:07 pm. Each elder shared what they've been receiving from the LORD and reflecting on through Bible reading plans, Training Tables, and listening to the LORD.

III. **Guarding - PROTECTING (Prayer)**

Shared requests uncovered in our connections through the directory
Prayed over known concerns/requests for our church family until 7:17 pm

IV. **Guiding - TEACHING (Ministry Reports)**

Tony Teaching Adult SS – schedule is set up to Easter

Discussed Schedule and study options; idea presented to finish year with a prayer focus

Hoke leading Monday AM Training Table

Jerry leading Monday AM Training Table

Joe and Tony Wednesday PM Training Table

Chris teaching MS Sunday School (book of Acts)

-needs sub for this Sunday (Men's Retreat) – consider combining MS and HS

Chris teaching @ ELEVATE - MARVEL (study on worship)

V. **Governing – LEADING (Alignment)**

Financial Report shared by Joe – giving was good in February – see website for numbers
(<https://www.beckerfreechurch.org/about-us/financial>)

Constitution team report from Joe – reviewing documents shared from the District to see what BEFC could glean from them. Constitution is not a legally binding document.

By-laws are binding. May need to consult with a lawyer.

Discussion on District Conference (April 8-9)

-voted to affirm Pastor Chris and Tony Dupay as our delegates

Discussed RightNow. Very seldom do they (RightNow) see 99s as ratings for a church's use. BEFC makes great use of their subscription! At some point we will compile a selection of recommended resources, and we'll consider if we should remove access to some items that don't align with our values/beliefs.

Hokan reported on the formation of a Children's Ministry Team to begin making plans for the transition. Plan is to meet in the next couple weeks.

Chris shared about Reign Ministries rep sharing at ELEVATE. Gave Pastor Chris the okay to research and extend invite if he feels affirmed in research.

Reviewed a draft Joe presented of the Financial Team Charter and the team made some suggestions.

Joe shared about the salary package/offer sheet for new Preaching Pastor. Board affirms proposal.

Grad/Youth Sunday will be May 19.

Discussed an e-mail sent by Kelly Zwick regarding a suicide prevention/response seminar.

Elders will consider if they want to attend and/or invite others to join them.

Easter Sunday plan – Tim is preaching. Staff will organize the rest of the morning.

Idea presented to hold Community Meeting at a different time. We'll plan to hold the next meeting at a more family-friendly time.

Chris reported on insurance coverages for retreats, broken glass on door, and Pickleball tourney. Decision was made to pay the repair on broken glass versus submitting claim.

Bus repair update. William Freeman will get quote on new air dryer. (next day William submitted quote of \$207 to repair)

FUNdship team for Ensenada Expedition hosting Pickleball tourney for June 22.

LIASON REPORTS (see delegated areas on chart at end of minutes)

-any reports were included in the above areas of Guiding, Guarding, and Governing

WORSHIP SERVICE DELEGATIONS

Date	Opps	Prayer Team
Mar 17	Blake	
Mar 24	Joe	
Mar 31 (Easter)	Jerry	
Apr 7	Chris	
Apr 14	Tony	
Apr 21	Hokan	
Apr 28**	Jerry	Joe-Comm.

Date	Opps	Prayer Team

**Communion

VI. Decisions Made / Actions to Take

Tony will check with LifeSong on desire/interest in sharing update during a service

Joe will prepare Call Letter to Preaching Pastor and share with Elders. Once approved will send to Stephen.

Hokan will meet with potential Children's Ministry team leads in next couple of weeks to continue moving forward with transition plan.

Chris will ask Kim for list of events and ministries from 2022 and 2023; list of people serving and what areas;
Chris will register Tony and himself for the District Conference
Chris will connect Jerry to Jeff Hill (regional director/leader for Global Fingerprints of EFCA)
We will touch base with Joshua at the Men's Retreat this weekend about Pillar Network.
Chris and Jerry will work with the staff on Easter Sunday plan.

Agenda and Time of Next Meeting

The agenda for the next regular business meeting will include:

The next Boost meeting will be held on MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024 at 6:00 pm at Hokan Bengtson's home with Tim Tomlinson.

The next Business meeting will be held on TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024 at 6:00 pm at Hokan Bengtson's home.

This meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by Pastor Chris Salvevold

Minutes approved by: Hokan Bengtson (X); Tony Dupay (); Jerry Gudim (X);
Joe Ley (X)

LIAISON DUTIES

Women's Ministry - (JL)	Welcome Team/Connections Team - (JL)
Men's Ministry - (TD)	Ushers/Greeters - (JL)
Student Ministry - (PC)	Safety Team/Set Up - (TD)
Children's Ministry - (HB)	Staff Liaison - (JG)
Adult Sunday School - (TD)	Meals Ministry - (HB)
Small Groups - (TD)	Land/Building - (HB)
Local/Global Missions - (JG)	Financial Team - (JL)
Worship - (JG)	Community Meeting - (Elder Team)
Intercessory Prayer - (JG)	

Goal to connect once/month