



## Elder Business Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 17, 6–9pm

**Attendance:**

- Hoke
- Tony
- Joe
- Stephen
- Chris

**Decisions:**

- The elders approved Brian Smart to teach the Psalms in Sunday School during the Summer.
- The elders approved spending money beyond the budget to buy Chris a new computer.
- The elders approved restricting the office of deacon to men.
- The elders approved no longer serving communion to nursery or children’s church volunteers.
- The elders approved planning to partner with multiple churches for 2026 men’s retreat.

**Next Meetings:**

- April Boost: Monday, April 21, 6–9pm
- May Business: Tuesday, May 27, 6–9pm
- Community Meeting: Monday, June 23, 6:30–8pm (one-item agenda: introducing constitutional section on deacons)

### Discussion

TIME	TOPIC	OBJECTIVES
6:00pm	<b>Opening Prayer</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The meeting was opened in prayer.</li> </ul>	Consecration and Dependence.
	<b>Devotional Reflection, Tony</b> Tony led a reflection from John Piper’s <i>Expository Exultation</i> .	
7:00pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Guarding</b></p> <b>Shepherding Checkups and Prayer</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The elders shared updates from their mini flocks and prayed for needs in the body.</li> </ul> <b>Female Deacons</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The elders agreed that the Bible seems to restrict the office of deacon in the church to men, so when we draft that section of the constitution it will be restricted to men.</li> </ul> <b>Worship Leadership Delegations</b>	Spiritual Oversight through Word, Prayer, and Administration.

- The elders signed up for dates to lead in the worship service.

Date	Opps
Apr. 20	Stephen
Apr. 27	Joe
May 4 - Guest	Hoke
May 11 (Mother's Day) - Joe	PC
May 18 Grad/Youth	PC
May 25 Memorial - Tony	Joe
June 1 - Hoke	Stephen
June 8	Tony
June 15	Hoke
June 22	Joe
June 29	PC
July 6	Tony
July 13	Stephen

8:00pm

**Guiding**

**Communion in Nursery**

- The elders discussed the pros and cons of continuing to serve communion to nursery and children's church volunteers after receiving input from volunteers. The elders decided to no longer serve communion to nursery and children's church volunteers.
- Postponing communion Sunday from May 4 to May 11 because Stephen and Joe are gone, and there will be a guest preacher.

**2026 Men's Retreat Proposal**

- The team discussed and approved a proposal to partner with other churches in the planning of next year's men's retreat.

**Community Meeting Debrief**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The elders debriefed on the most recent community meeting, giving encouragement and critical feedback.</li> <li>• Next community meeting will be Monday, June 23 for the sole purpose of introducing the deacon section of the new constitution and having Q&amp;A from the congregation.</li> </ul>	
9:00pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Governing</b></p> <p><b>March Financials</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The elders briefly reviewed March financials.</li> </ul> <p><b>1916 Abortion Project &amp; Walk for Life</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good to have the Eids announce walk for life</li> </ul> <p><b>Partnering with Global Fingerprints</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The elders discussed potentially partnering with EFCA ministry Global Fingerprints in sponsoring children, but decided not to move forward with Global Fingerprints at this time.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next Meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>April Boost:</b> Monday, April 21, 6–9am</li> <li>• <b>May Business:</b> Tuesday, May 27, 6–9pm</li> <li>• <b>May Boost:</b> Cancelled due to scheduling restrictions.</li> </ul>	

**LIAISON DUTIES**

**(Goal to connect once/month)**

Women’s Ministry – (SC)  
 Men’s Ministry – (TD )  
 Student Ministry – (PC)  
 Adult Sunday School – (TD/SC)  
 Land/Building – (HB)  
 Financial Team – (JL)  
 Community Meeting – (Team)

Welcome Team/Connections Team – (JL)  
 Ushers/Greeters/Safety Team/Set/Up – (TD)  
 Children’s Ministry – (JL/HB)  
 Meals Ministry – (HB)  
 Local/Global Missions – (SC)  
 Worship – (SC)