

## Meeting Minutes (draft)

### CBCGB Board of Elders (“BoE”) July 10, 2021

Present: Chaw-Bing Chang, Samuel Chang (BoD Head), Yuguang He (BoE Secretary), Paul Huang (BOE Chair), Juta Pan (Senior Pastor), Ji-yong Wang, Ruike Wang

Invitees: KC Chu (CBET Chair, off-board elder), Dr. Jeffrey Arthurs, Taylor Birkhimer (minister), Jeff Hwang (pastor)

Date/time: 09:00 - 12:00, July 10, 2021

Location: Zoom meeting

09:00 Opening prayer (Paul)

**Brief sharing** (learnings, thanksgiving, testimony, etc.) (Paul)

Caring for children at home

- Everyday is precious with children at home, no matter their ages
- Daily devotion at home could be quite challenging with the younger generation, especially with the teenager and adulthood children
- Lessons:
  - Be a good listener to issues and challenges of our young adults
  - In a rough neighborhood prepare the children to face discrimination and bullying
  - Prayerful but not dictating their spiritual revival, even when it seems difficult at times
  - Becoming a mentor for our children at home

Responses:

- Church leaders maybe set up a time in retreat for sharing family devotion and related subject
- Parents as mentors/friends to our young adult children, as everyone does

**Update for the state of the church-Major events and developments of the whole church**  
(Juta)

- Moving into summer “hibernated” period
  - ChM: No AWANA
  - YM: No Friday meetings, but with more outdoor activities
  - CB: ICF and Charis in summer schedule
  - CM: more families traveling
  - CB/CM: partial in person worship, preparing for fall reopening
  - ChM: 7/18, 25, 8/2, 8, 22, partial in person
  - COM: partially in person starting 6/3 since 6/13 from 80 and then gradually to 100
- CM
  - Online outreach seminars going on
  - SS started in 6/13
  - Stephen ministry retreat postponed due to special situation
- CB/YM

- 2 CB and 5 YM people have been baptized in the summer
  - CB: child dedication on 6/4, 5-6 families
- Whole congregation
  - Father's Day joint meeting
  - Start promoting NCPI (Neighbor Church Partnership Initiative) with donation goal of \$50,000
- Future plan
  - CM:
    - child dedication 7/18, about 6 families
    - Summer baptism: 8/22, 15 students
  - CB: pastoral candidate interview on 7/25, whole weekend, including perhaps Saturday with BOE, preferring in person, tentatively,
    - Fri: ICF, Charis
    - Sat: 12-2, CB core, afternoon: family, TBD: BOE
    - Sun: TBD
- New norm:
  - Recovery: ministry, mentally and spiritually (relating characters in the Scripture such as Genesis, which is being preached throughout the summer)
  - New outreach opportunities: online, mission, and community outreach
  - New building construction
- Personnel
  - P. Yuegang is on sabbatical until early Sep.
  - Pastors helping out NPCI in vetting statement of faith and identifying churches to support
  - Min. Duane's ordination in progress, 10/13 as a tentative date
  - Initial promotion for CBET by pastors
  - Pastoral annual review kicked off
  - Pastoral staff returning to in person meeting on 7/13
- [Q]:
  - Web location of Charismatic statement and FAQ?
- [A]:
  - The pdf file can be found at,  
<https://www.cbcgb.org/sites/default/files/document/cbcgb/others/policy%20or%20procedure/CBCGB%20Charismatic%20Statement.pdf>

### **BOD updates-Major activities and planning (Samuel)**

- Carpet replacement
  - Contractor finished 7/2, followed by the moving company, in which the schedule has been closely followed
  - Brothers and sisters volunteered in moving the furnitures
  - Stage and its extension to be finished
- Reopening Prep
  - 60 CM people have registered to join the in person service in the 7/18, not counting the coworkers

- NPCI
  - Needs are real, and prayer more needed
  - Could learn from other churches in volunteering, e.g., hispanic pastors serving food pantry needing fund to ship packages to Connecticut, housing needs for some with houses burned down
  - Finance committee has created the account
  - Promotion has started, with P. Juta's encouraging message
  - Sharing among fellowships started
  - Reporting on the donation progress in consideration on the regular basis

#### **Meeting with Dr. Arthurs (Dr. Arthurs)**

- Pastoral staff at CB, interim, 3 years by this Sep.
- More flexibility and open now, due to off the dean duty after 2 years of service as the dean
- Current allocated 5 hours/month at church, overseeing preaching calendar, mentoring students, preaching once a month
- Potential role changing in the near future and maybe long term, transitioning
- Feeling towards the church: Love the church, gained trust with the church
- Strength
  - Leadership: Used to be an elder
  - Preaching: preaching professor, pastors, training elders at home church
  - Mentoring
  - Teaching
  - Connection to GCTS
- [decision]: P. Jeff to work with Dr. Arthurs with a proposal, considering the pastoral candidate weekend, and great potentials to benefit the church in the long run, after July to discuss further. Overwhelmingly like to keep him on board. BOE needs a separate discussion.

#### **CBE status (KC)**

- CBE entrance deck project
  - Approved last year, and started in 4/2021
  - Almost finished, with a few punch list to finish, and the approval by Town of Lexington, expected to be done by the end of July this year
- Multi-purpose building
  - Surface water analysis got delayed due to busy schedule of the contractor
  - Building permit application evaluation on 7/15 when townhall is reopened
  - Promotion
    - Meeting with pastoral staff on 7/7, expected to be furnished by the end of July, outline is done so far
    - 10min 3-D video clip done
    - Promoting in Sep or Nov, with the theme, "Break the Wall to build the Wall", and holding town hall meeting at the church
  - Building Schedule (tentative)

- Contractor search done by the end of this year
- Construction needs 8-12 months
- Minimal interruption to the church routine activities, until the very end when all the pipelines are connected. In addition, the carriage house will be torn down, which would impact Phily program and two CM fellowships
- Parking issue to be studied and addressed

### **Reopening Task Force update & Deacon Nomination Committee (Ruike)**

- Deacon nomination:
  - Three onboard deacons accepted renomination for the second term
  - Three newly nominated accepted the invitation
    - Lesson learned: mentorship/counseling may be needed during the process
    - [Comment]: Pastors may be included on the DNC (Deacon Nomination Committee)
  - IT and social concern/mission may be covered
  - HRC to be covered, maybe by elders
  - Spiritual formation to be covered, maybe elders
  - Two worship deacons
  - COC not covered by onboard deacon but by an offboard deacon
  - Future ministry coverage consideration:
    - Operation
    - Fellowship
    - Spiritual formation
    - HRC
  - [decision]: Approved to proceed with the candidates
- BOE ministry leadership delegation (Synergy the CB, CM, COM, temporarily led by Samuel, BOD head)
  - Website building
  - Virtual gospel and mission
  - Community connection
  - [decision]: take offline for independent discussion in the next BOE meeting, to be overviewed by Samuel
- Reopening:
  - Building, renewing and forward (keyword: transformed, Romans 12:2)
  - Communication is the key
  - Reopening guideline approval
    - [decision]: Approved, with a few minor revisions
    - Some major points
      - Face masks required for those unvaccinated, and recommended for those vaccinated
      - Proposal not needed for events without food involved, but required if food is involved with 100+ people

12:45 Closing Prayer (Paul)

