

MAC Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2007 – 10:00am

Present: Pastor Steve Barckholtz, Pastor Ron Arnold, Chuck Burnett, John Hamilton, Buster Hunsaker, Jack Scheuerman, Gloria Stillman, Scotty Swanson-Norman, Kathy Kubly and Pastor Ed Krueger.

Pastor Barckholtz distributed a packet of handouts and opened the meeting with discussion of an email entitled 'What Would Your Church's Time Capsule Look Like'. He then led with prayer and we commenced with discussion of the redirection of MAC – a shift away from funding into a system driven by time and talent. MAC's were now to provide counsel.

We discussed an email originated by John Hamilton – 'MAC Comments and Questions for Applications 2008'.

We continued discussion of the District's change of call of what MAC's are supposed to be doing; and what MAC's are not supposed to be doing which is primarily to review grant requests.

We then shifted direction from the discussion and agenda to hear live updates about the grant-receiving congregations in the region.

Pastor Ron and Chuck presented progress of Mission Campus Task Force for Spanish Springs which started in January. They've attempted considerable outreach including and not limited to: 10,000 flyer inserts in the Reno Gazette Journal, Posters in stores, personal assist from members and former members in the target area, Home Bible Studies, Public access television, Cinemark theaters, UNR, and a website. Upcoming – Chuck will man a card table in front of Scolari's and 2 dates are scheduled for a booth at the Sparks Farmers Market. To date, no contacts developed. Of the 4 home bible to start, only 1 actually started and stopped after 5 weeks.

Pastor Ed advised that only 18-22 percent of people looking for Jesus are coming into a church. Churches 'getting them' are those with the 'bells and whistles'. We must unlearn what isn't working. We're imploding. Seminary doesn't have answers, District doesn't have answers. It's going to take time. We're a time-poor nation. We need to help our people to find the harvest that is ripe (ready to be reached).

Scotty presented a report of Ely and Round Mountain. There are 4 faithful families in Round Mountain and Pastor Cary is traveling twice a month from Ely. The 4 families have pledged \$10,000 to keep pastoral service when told grant money wasn't going to be there.

We then went back to former discussion regarding our 'new' role vs. grant application requests and review; and information to be sent to congregations for the upcoming year.

There was general consensus that we begin by changing the title from 'grants' to something else such as 'Project Stipend'.

It was also generally agreed that MAC would purchase 'The New Day' DVD's and download the Power Point presentation available through District and send a letter, followed by a series of informational/instructional packets including Bible Studies, etc. to each congregation.

Buster and Pastor Arnold will join the Southern MAC to put together regional mission workshops.

The introductory letter to congregations soliciting grant requests for 2008 will include the old Grant Request form advising there will be follow-up questions and information forthcoming. Initial request deadline is July 1. Follow up questions to be returned by August 1.

Next meeting schedule: Saturday, June 9 – 10:00 – 2:00 – Our Savior, Sparks
 Monday, July 9 – 10:00am – Conference call (T)
 Saturday, August 18 – 10:00 – 2:00 – Our Savior, Sparks

Adjourned with prayer at 2:35pm