

## Newsletter for November, 2019

**Dear Church Family,**

The focus of this newsletter is our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter congregational meeting that took place October 27. It was not possible for everyone to be present, especially with the power outage, so that I thought it best to inform everyone what took place.

Vern presented our financial status and the proposed budget was accepted. I will send the budget for 2020 via email.

Katie presented our progress for CWC, our church for those without a church. Right now, I hear her on the phone signing us up for Realm, which is a church management system. We are experimenting. They had a big sale that runs to the end of October. I cannot even explain what it is all about, but a church near us uses it, and the pastor told me they love it. If it does not suit us, we will go elsewhere, but at this point we need to get things moving.

We talked about developing a small group for men and women. D. Stebbins volunteered to host one at her home in San Anselmo. For men, this is emerging.

The lineup for our church council is:

2020 D. Dover, KLC Philpott, J. Daley

2021 K. Pierce, J. Ndunga, D. Parker

2022 S. Kenyon, L. Philpott, M. Alvarez

One item I placed on the agenda was to select Katie Philpott to be made vice president. We have never had a vice president, and my reasoning now is that if something happens to me, death or incapacity, someone needs to be in place to help direct affairs and begin the process for find a new pastor. And who better than Katie? Also, it is only matter of time before Vern and Libby migrate to their place in Dobbins. It is important to me, as it is my responsibility to assure the safety of the church and to continue our evangelical mission, which has broadened greatly in scope.

For several Saturday afternoons, which will be announced, we hope to do door-to-door evangelism to the apartment buildings along Miller Avenue, giving out pieces of literature. It is important to reach out locally. It will be a short time, maybe an hour or two at the most. And the "Tiny Library" that Daniel put up is working, as passersby are taking materials out of it. Both Libby and I have observed this happening. Great ministry.

The flat roof over the kitchen: we are putting on a protective coating this week, then later on, Will Bergen will be arriving in January and will put on a new roof.

The shed behind the fellowship hall is being emptied now, and we intend to make it a multi-use structure. We will be fixing it up soon and making it ready to be a small video and audio studio. I have a really good camera, and with a little arranging we will not be dependent on the studio in San Rafael, which could close down if the FCC defunding effort succeeds. Also, it is to be fitted as a place people can stay. This is something I used it for years ago, and it worked better than folks staying in the hall. And there can be other uses as well, for instance, as an office.

We decided to allow Bill Wagner's International Church to use our chapel one Sunday evening a month, rent-free. Bill is the president of Olivet University, former head of the Southern Baptist Mission Board, and a longtime friend of mine. We want to encourage their effort.

The mold issue in the area of the balcony is under consideration right now. Carl is looking to find a company so equipped to evaluate it. This is needed due to the roof leaking the last few years.

My sense of it is that our best years lie ahead. The work we are called to do is present Jesus as Savior and Lord as broadly as we can and to involve as many as possible in this mission. We are blessed to have a strong and vibrant, however small, congregation.

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