

CHURCH PLANTING, Board of

Harvest Church, Billings, MT - November 5, 2012

Introductions were made of Board Members and Attendees to the Church Planting meeting.

Brian Hopkins opened up the discussion time with the question, “Why are we here?”

Answers given:

- Funding of church plants
- Fulfill God’s call on us
- Reproducing ourselves
- A catalyst to planting churches and fulfilling God’s call on our lives individually

Meeting was opened; agendas distributed

Vern Streeter - opened in a word of prayer

The question was posed, “How are we doing discipling leaders, multiplying in our churches?”

Missional communities and Journey Church – Gave a presentation on Missional Communities and its role in church planting.

- A Missional Community is defined as *“the people of God partnering together with Him in His redemptive mission in the world by building evangelistic movements of multiplying disciples who display and declare the gospel in a defined context.”*
- These questions were posed, “How do we train up people to do the work of planting churches? Leaders to launch ministries? Who is the point person to plant a church? How well are we at growing our leaders? ”
- Missional Communities is a “farm system” in which people can be intentional with the gospel and reach out and exercise leadership qualities, and get involved in kingdom work. This is a platform in which leaders can be built in order to further the work of church in planting churches, equipping, clustering, and “landmine reduction” (roadblocks to planting effective churches).

Church Planting Updates were given

- Harvest, Cody: 200 attendees per weekend. They are meeting in multiple sites (kids in one place, adults in another, etc.). Challenges: No kid’s space. In the process of relocating the church to another facility/ property.

Church Extension Grant Requests

- Harvest, Butte: Requesting 100k for a launch in 2013.
- Element, Wheatland: Requesting 75K for a 2013 launch in early 2013.

The question was posed, “How do we feel about the amount of money that we are contributing to fund church plants?” Brian mentioned that there is 165k in disbursable funds that can be allocated to church planting specifically.

The motion was made by Vern Streeter to allocate the funds to fully support the endeavors of Harvest: Butte, and Element: Wheatland in the amount of \$175,000. Seconded by Jeff Maness; Motion Carried.

A budget proposal for the upcoming fiscal year was given by Brian. Last year's budget was \$108,000. A motion was made by Vern Streeter to approach the finance committee to commit to the budget, \$158,000 for the Board of Church Planting allocated to the following categories:

\$4,000	Church & Mission Support
\$4,000	Travel & Training
\$150,000	Church Planting Grants

Seconded by Jeff Maness; Motion carried.

Eric Atherton and Brad Griffin were nominated to the Board.

Closed in Prayer; Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce Inion Sr.