

**CHURCH PLANTING, Board of**  
Zoom Video Conference – January 7, 2017

Members Present: Jeff Maness, Supt. Steve Strutz, Asst. Supt. Brent Nymeyer, Crull Chambless, Keith Twigg, Ben Baker, Willy Maxwell (Guest), 1 guest from Passion Church in Boise.

Supt. Steve opened the meeting in prayer. First order of business was comparing temperatures in each prospective community we represented. Every place was cold, but Ben Baker took the prize I believe with sub zero temperatures for several days straight.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Willy gave an update on what God's been doing in Sheridan. There has been a group meeting there in a home and watching Sunday services from Element Church in Cheyenne and Harvest Church in Billings. Recently, they made a move to come under the umbrella of Harvest Church as a Network Church, utilizing video teaching but operating as a stand-alone church. They had 37 people for their Christmas Eve service, are working with a local business owner to utilize available space for worship and are working on getting their 501(c)3 to become a recognized church by the state.
- A grant request was made by Harvest Church for \$85,400 to help start the infrastructure and staffing for a Harvest Network that will help provide video teaching content for interested churches, as well as leadership coaching for churches to effectively impact their communities. The video teaching could be used as a bridge for churches in between pastors, or as a long term teaching solutions for churches as well.
- Keith offered an updated on Passion in Boise. Since their official launch in the Fall, they have averaged 122 in weekly attendance, \$3208 in weekly giving, and have seen 10 people profess faith in Jesus for salvation. God has brought a great team around them, both volunteer and staff, and is beginning a great work in Boise.
- A grant request was made by Passion Church for \$50,000 to be dispersed by February 1st and June 1st in two installments. This financial investment will be used to subsidize operations as Passion strives toward reaching self-sustainability no later than December 2017. Some upcoming things in the 2017 plan are: to continue to improve the Sunday celebration, launching of small groups, outreach, add more equipment/materials/supplies for all ministries and hire additional staff as needed.

**WHEREAS** Steve made a motion to table the Harvest Grant request for further discussion with the Council of Administration within one month (Keith seconded. Discussion was had and approved), **BE IT RESOLVED** that we will wait for further insight from the council of Administration.

**WHEREAS** Steve made a motion to approve \$25,000 for Passion Church in Boise paid by February 1st, then revisit in May to talk about the June request, (Brent seconded that motion. Discussion was had and approved), **BE IT RESOLVED** that Passion will receive \$25,000 of grant money by February 1st and the board will revisit the second half of the request in May.

**WHEREAS** the members of the Board need clarity on the scope and purpose of the BOC, **BE IT RESOLVED** that in the May meeting we will formulate a purpose and scope of ministry for our board.

Jeff closed in prayer.

Submitted by  
Jeff Maness