

Longs Peak Baptist Association
Executive Board Meeting
26 FEB 2018

ATTENDANCE: 30 adults, 5 children, 2 childcare workers

John Richardson, pastor at Trailhead Church welcomed the group and opened us in prayer. The meal directly followed.

Randy McCoy, music leader at Trailhead led our opening worship time.

6:56 pm Tree Cooper, LPBA Moderator called the meeting to order. He read from 2 Peter 1 and challenged us to reaffirm our calling and trust God for the abundance. We adopted the proposed agenda with one change: Nancy Mann will present the Finance report.

Colt Kreeger, UNC Challenge director, presented the Gospel Appointments model of evangelism (handout attached).

- 90% of people under 25 years of age in Colorado do not walk with Jesus
- 20-25% of people in college today have not heard the gospel... EVER

- Intentional relational conversations about the gospel
- The next generation is so biblically illiterate that large group interaction does not connect or resonate with them
 - There is also push back from the world who is against Jesus and offers so many other options
 - So much noise to distract them as well
 - Gospel Appointments create space to have real conversations and real conversations about God
- When we share the gospel with someone one-on-one they might think we are weird, but they will also know that we care
- Gospel Appointments can lead very naturally into more meetings with this person and to friendship. We should ALWAYS extend community and friendship regardless of their reaction to the gospel message. Remember too that no Christian has ever been hurt by hearing the gospel message again – always present the gospel. Always include a response or time for reaction – the gospel is not fully presented until a time for response is included.

- GospelAppointments.com

Finance Report – Nancy Mann, LPBA Ministry Assistant, presented the finance report for the 2017 year (report included in the handout). The 2017 year finished with a \$7,804.95 surplus. We are thankful for the 37 churches who supported us during the 2017 year.

Executive Board Task Force – Joe Reid, LPBA Vice-Moderator, presented the report of the EBTF (included in the handout). The single motion with five parts was presented to streamline the LPBA Policy and Procedure manual into the team format. One question was asked to clarify that the Executive Team will not have a representative from each church, but rather will have membership from across the association represented by the seven at-large members. The motion passed unanimously.

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Associational Church Catalyst Report – Ralph Helm, looked back to the associational meeting from ten years ago and who we were and who we are now. Ralph celebrated special moments from his year:

- Hillside Baptist Church's 65th anniversary as a church
- Paul Logue at Estes Park Baptist Church celebrated 15 years there and his retirement
- Conley Shelander at Fourway Baptist celebrated 25 years in a pulpit there
- Storyline's Kelly Wheat recalling and encouraging us back to truth in the wake of the recent FL school shooting
- Bent Tree Church's mission team of 6 lives who went to Africa and are changed
- Dave Herre at Calvary Derby Hill and his heart for revitalizing the ministry of that church
- HUB Meetings with our planters and their incredible heart for the people of Northern Colorado
- Stonebriar Church from Texas coming this summer to work with churches, hearing the heart of the churches here that they will help
- Dennis Clermont, Transitional Pastor at Foothills Lyons, and his fire for that area

Ralph challenged us to be on fire for our people.

Ralph celebrated that our churches have had 59 baptisms since our September 2017 meeting, with an additional 14 waiting for baptism to be scheduled.

Ralph challenged our churches to use the Celebration Stations to take the message into our neighborhoods. To reschedule our baptisms by using the portable baptism set "Big Blue" and hold baptisms outside and in the neighborhoods so that people see.

Ralph and John Howeth called Conley Shelander up to celebrate his 25 years at Fourway and his contributions to the LPBA. They presented him a certificate (copy attached).

Church Planting Catalyst Report – John Howeth updated us on the current plants and growth in the LPBA:

- The church should be the best leadership factory in the world. He challenged us to be identifying people who are truly ready to enter the leadership and planting pipeline.
- As an example, Trailhead has a wall mural showing their pipelines: a plan for making disciples, and a plan for making leaders.
- Remember too that there are not-yet-discipled believers in our churches. We need to address that by growing disciplers in our churches.
- Updating our current plant list
- Celebrating our multi-ethnic plants

- Celebrating standing up a second Celebration Station ten years after we stood up the first trailer. Encouraging us to take Jesus to where the people are.

John concluded by reminding us that we do not have to be great. We get to let God be great through us.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm and was closed in prayer by John Richardson.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy Mann, LPBA Clerk