

**Meeting Minutes**  
**CBCGB Board of Elders (“BoE”)**  
**April 8, 2017**

Present: Bryan Che, Acting Senior Pastor David Eng, Yuguang He (Chair), David Ho, Loren Shih (Secretary), Timothy Lu, Haiguo Wu (BoD Chair), Shanchuan Zhao (BoD representative)

Absent: Senior Pastor Caleb Chang (on Sabbatical)

Notes

- 9:26am David Ho opened in prayer
- Free sharing time (Everyone)
  - Bryan shared an update on his new ministry opportunity
- Pastoral report (Pastor David Eng)
  - CM
    - CM, CB, and youth cleaned up classrooms
    - 13 trainees committed to small group leadership training, starting 4/2
    - Evangelism Explosion ministry actively visiting speakers who responded to gospel meeting
  - Children's
    - 4/8 getting organized day
    - 4/28 Awana Grand PRix night
    - Planning program for CM retreat
    - Still need a SS core leader
  - COM
    - Rented a condo for a meeting place, will start Malden student fellowship there soon
  - Youth
    - Cleaning Day 4/14
    - Winter retreats went well
    - Preparing for missions trips
    - Having outreach night on 4/28
  - Cross Bridge
    - Dr Jeff Arthurs continuing to preach 2x/month
    - Having easter lunch in chapel
    - Started “life-on-life ignition group” in Feb
    - Forming a “placement” committee
    - Several key leaders relocating
    - ICF/Charis
      - Jointly cleaned 151 last Sunday
      - Retreat in Feb with Jeff Hwang as speaker
      - Serving at Cradles to Crayons 4/22. Church-wide clothing toy drive being held in conjunction
      - Charis will have retreat 5/5-7

- BOD report (Haiguo)
  - Made portable cross for marriage enrichment retreat (MER)
  - Chapel wall screen painted for projectors
  - Office conference room door fixed
  - Ongoing projects
    - Upper parking lot exit road/walking path
    - Stairway from upper parking lot to sanctuary area
    - Circular driveway: canopy/awning
- Update on English Pastor Search (Yuguang)
  - Tim Conkling accepted and will be coming July 7, starting July 9
  - Yuguang will ask HR committee to assist Tim with finding temporary housing
- Update on Senior Pastor Search (Yuguang)
  - Committee started with one meeting
- Update on elder search (Yuguang)
  - Starting to contact potential candidates
- Update on deacon search (David Ho)
  - Approved deacon nomination committee members
  - David will approach members to confirm their participation
- Update on Church Building Expansion current efforts (KC)
  - Phase 1, Part 2.
  - Land survey completed last year. Submitted proposal to Boston Property to use their parking lot as CBCGB exit; no response yet.
  - Road design completed.
  - In progress search for contractor.
  - In progress stairway design.
  - In progress upper parking lighting.
  - Will followup with Stride Rite to see if we can use their access road; would also benefit them so they can use our parking lot during the week.
  - Received quotes for upper parking exit road; estimate was much higher (\$261K) than budgeted (\$200K). New proposal is to build a stairway to CBCGB main entrance, and use money saved to add more parking spaces.
    - This does not preclude us from pursuing the original plan in the future.
    - BoE approved new proposal.
- Update on Church Building Expansion future efforts (Yuguang)
  - Last meeting, BoE discussed process for reviving CBET.
  - Yuguang has talked to some former members, will close on this list and come back to BoE for approval.
  - Main focus will likely be combine Phase2 (sanctuary expansion) and Phase3 (multipurpose function room).
  - Per last month, BoE is still considering whether instead of Phase2 (sanctuary expansion), we could do live streaming, multiple services, add a second sanctuary, etc.
- Update on Mission Statement (Bryan)

- Presented draft at council meeting.
- One modification - added "in Christ". "We are a church in Greater Boston that brings people across all cultures together in Christ to inspire, disciple, and send them to be global disciple-makers."
- Update on BoE stance on "Politics" (Loren)
  - Reviewed second draft.
  - Agreed on 7 overall tenets.
  - Loren will finish writing the detailed draft with examples for BoE review.
  - BoE may occasionally request to pastoral staff to comment on political issues.
  - BoE clarified that pastoral staff is permitted to preach on Biblical concepts for political issues, as long as they are not advocating for political action or at least not as the sole action.
  - Pastoral staff or others are welcome to take individual action, such as signing petitions, as long as these are personal actions that the church does not officially comment on.
- Performance review and conflict resolution process (Loren)
  - Reviewed second draft.
  - Loren detailed procedures for how to resolve matters of "sin" versus "professional competency".
  - Loren will make a final revision on the draft for BoE approval.
- Preparation for informational meeting (Yuguang)
  - Reviewed submitted questions.
  - Prioritized the most important updates: senior pastor search, CB pastor, building expansion, missions statement, children's program.
- SCM Policy Update (Yuguang)
  - During last CC meeting, questions came up about why there is a reserve fund, since majority of SCM is as a middleman to 3rd party organizations.
  - Recommendation is to steer funds towards activities at the church, where SCM drives initiatives. SCM charter seems aligned to this.
  - BoE will schedule a review with SCM and defer reserve fund action until after the review. Bryan to communicate with Yang-Sheng.