

ROLLING HILLS COVENANT CHURCH
Elder Council – Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2018 (approved 01/07/19)

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Name	Position	Present	Absent
Mike Cochrane	Chairman	X	
Anthony Galante	Vice Chairman	X	
Byron MacDonald	Senior Pastor	X	
Shawn Hurley	Executive Preaching Pastor	X	
(Anthony Galante)	Elder – Children’s Commission	√	
Jerry Rilling	Elder – Congregational Care		X
Guy Forest	Elder – Connect Commission	X	
Tom Miller	Elder – Finance & Property Commission	X	
Craig Knickerbocker	Elder – Global Outreach Commission	X	
Mike DiLustro	Elder – Life Group Commission	X	
Hoon Dokko	Elder – Local Outreach Commission	X	
Jim Walter	Elder – Personnel Commission	X	
Richard Smith	Elder – Stewardship Commission	X	
Rod Lenders	Elder – Student Commission	X	
Ben Eroen	Elder – Worship Arts Commission	X	
Steve Bunyard	Associate Pastor – Outreach	X	
Lloyd Gilbert	Associate Pastor – Student Ministries		X
Garrick Hanger	Associate Pastor – Adult Ministries	X	
Jane Wallin	Secretary	X	

Chairman Mike Cochrane opened the meeting in prayer at 7:01 PM.

DEVOTIONAL – Psalm 119: 25 – 32

Elder Jim Walters continued with the devotion in Psalm 119: 25-32. He began by reading through the 8 verses and then noting thoughts on each verse that stood out to him:

Vs. 25 – the psalmist is very woeful; vs. 26 – our confessions are not only to reveal our sins to God, but to also reveal our sins to us; v. 27 – we are to walk in God’s ways with our eyes wide open; vs. 28 – God’s word helps us to shake off our heaviness and overcome it with joy; vs. 29 – the psalmist sees the snare of pride and the need to have God’s help to avoid it; vs. 30 – do not turn your back on God; vs. 31 – following God’s laws and decrees will never bring us shame; vs. 32 – we can live with strength and confidence having been built up by God’s word. The whole passage shows the psalmist’s transition from grief at the beginning to confidence and strength at the end – all because of the word of God.

ELDER PRAYERS

The elders prayed for the needs of those in the congregation and for specific needs of those on the council.

[Pastor Steve shared about his trip to the Philippines to launch a “REIGNITE HOPE” facility there. Learning the skills of welding will really be a great boon to this very poor area. They will start off with 50 students. The mayor of the town and several city officials are Christians, so they even welcomed the sharing of the Gospel – and are behind the program 100%.]

MINUTES

Meeting minutes from the 11/19/2018 meeting were approved by acclamation.

GLOBAL MISSIONS DIRECTION AFFIRMATION

Elder Craig K. shared that Nandi has shown that sending nationals to be missionaries for an area provides a very wise use of funds. The reason is that the cost of living for nationals is so much lower – and no training is needed. The Western missionary requires a long training period and more money to support them. The Commission wants to find a way to transition from only sending Western missionaries to more trained nationals with oversight from existing partnerships. This necessitates an adjustment in priorities and vision of the Global Missions Commission, which is what they are working on now.

Pastor Steve noted that how we do missions has changed over the last 50 – 60 years. It is not so necessary to send a Western missionary anymore; training nationals makes much more sense in so many ways. However, cutting existing missionaries down will be hard and needs to be done very sensitively and *slowly*.

Pastor Byron pointed out that our value of getting the word of God to people groups in their language can be facilitated by a national much quicker than by one from the West.

Would these changes decrease Global funding? Craig answered that it would not. The idea is to “go deeper” with more rather than fewer, not cutting any budget. And we will keep our existing partnerships for the oversight and training.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The EC then entered into executive session.

[Leaving executive session for a moment, a motion (TBA) made by Elder Craig Knickerbocker is on the floor, seconded by Elder Tom Miller. Chairman Cochrane called for a vote by a show of hands. The motion passed unanimously.]

STAFF ROUNDTABLE – See Appendix A

ELDER ROUNDTABLE – See Appendix B

CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting was closed in corporate prayer, with Elder Anthony Galante ending at 9:23 pm.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Possible Sub-Teams to review commission structure:
 - a) Consideration of uniting Stewardship and F&P Commissions, and
 - b) Review of the three commissions that oversee adults

Next Elder meetings are on:

January 7, January 21, February 4, and March 4, **2019**.

(EC meetings are typically either on the 1st or 3rd Mondays of the month and sometimes both.)

CBM Dates: February 10, May 5, September 22, & November 10, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jane Wallin

APPENDIX A – STAFF UPDATES

Byron

Shawn

Steve

Lloyd

Garrick

APPENDIX B – ELDER UPDATES

CHAIRMAN (Mike Cochrane)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES (Anthony Galante)

CONGREGATIONAL CARE (Jerry Rilling)

CONNECT (Guy Forest)

FINANCE & PROPERTY (Tom Miller)

GLOBAL OUTREACH (Craig Knickerbocker)

LIFE GROUP (Mike DiLustro)

LOCAL OUTREACH (Hoon Dokko)

PERSONNEL (Jim Walter)

STEWARDSHIP (Richard Smith)

STUDENT MINISTRIES (Rod Lenders)

WORSHIP ARTS (Ben Eroen)