



## **Board of Elders: Special Meeting June 6, 2016**

The elders gathered to discuss a couple discipline issues. This time began with honest prayer to God asking for wisdom and humility as we seek to honor God in caring for His flock and loving our members well.

The elders met with a member to hear him share where he and his wife have been with recent marital difficulties. This couple has been in the process of church discipline, and the elders recently voted to revoke the membership of both husband and wife.

After talking to the husband, a motion was made to suspend the previous decision to revoke membership. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously. We would like to give some time to see if God will bring about repentance and restoration before moving ahead with discipline. The husband explained his perspective, and was confronted by the elders in particular areas. Though divorce has already been initiated, the elders are praying and hoping for God to bring about eventual restoration.

The following motions were made:

- The husband will be mentored by two elders who will give practical instructions for rebuilding the marriage and being a godly husband evidenced by repentance that leads to a genuine love and respect for his wife. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- The wife will be mentored by two women and will be encouraged to ask God for a tender heart that would be open to reconciliation. We will also ask her to share her perspective with the elder board when she is ready. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

It was suggested that the elders fast and pray about this marriage, and all agreed to do so.

Regarding a separate matter, there was also a motion made to send John Sanfilippo a letter which calls for his repentance. Pastor Tim has consistently pursued John with the goal of reconciliation, but John has refused to meet. If there is no response or signs of repentance, this matter will be told to the church on July 17th at the business meeting.

The elder board is burdened for the needs of those in our congregation, and for God to do a work bringing back wayward hearts. The meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Culton', written over a horizontal line.

Mark Culton  
Secretary to the Board of Elders