

Present were Pastors James Lafolette, Terry Cummings, and Jeff Snell. Dean Hackett was absent. Also present was City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong. James opened the meeting in prayer at 4:42pm. James introduced Hugo Villalobos the pastor from Iglesia Adventista.

**Minutes**- Jeff moved and Terry seconded to approve the minutes of the September 4<sup>th</sup> meeting with a correction to the Family Promise Update section. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Family Promise Update**

James gave Family Promise updates:

- Kriss Dammeyer continues to work on Family Promise on a voluntary basis and has 5-6 mentors that are active.
- Kriss shared an impactful mentor/mentee story. A 3 month pregnant mentee had been preparing to terminate her pregnancy. With the help of the mentor, Kriss, and True Care, they were able to find potential adoptive parents and the mentee did not terminate her pregnancy.
- The next Made to Thrive Board meeting is October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Barnett and Moro. James asked that 2 to 3 of FBAC members attend the meeting to emphasize the support they have to combine Family Promise with Made to Thrive. Still need to obtain legal advice to continue this path of combining the two entities.
- Made to Thrive may be hiring a professional grant writing firm out of Portland. This firm has access to millions of funds with very good possibilities to gain funding for both Family Promise and Made to Thrive through this process. The financial commitment to hire this firm is \$2,100/month, but the return is 200,000 or more per year. If Made to Thrive hires this firm and sees this type of financial return, the Board will, most likely, hire a part-time employee to help Kriss with Made to Thrive and Family Promise
- The Committee explained Made to Thrive to Hugo

Jeff stated he and other sponsors are featuring a free community concert on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm at the High School. Perhaps, with the other sponsors permission, announcements can be made for donations/more information regarding Family Promise.

### **School Adoption Information**

James stated he had a very good meeting with the School District Superintendent, Tricia Mooney. She is supportive of this process and will reach out to staff regarding school adoption process, expectations, etc. Highland Hills is the only school that needs adoption. Jeff and James will continue to work to find a church to adopt this school.

Hugo stated his church, along with others, has adopted the High School. He met with the High School Principal, Tom Spoo, and discussed what is needed for staff/students with the priority being helping with student attendance (making sure kids go to school, on time, and stay in school) and asked that the support be on a more consistent basis instead of on a more casual basis.

### **Committee Vacancy**

The Committee thanked Hugo for his attendance and his consideration of becoming a member. They explained expectations of the Committee and what is involved with being a member.

Hugo thanked the committee for considering him for this position; however his time is greatly filled with pastoring congregations in Pendleton, Hermiston, at Rekindle Church, and a church in prison. He

is also married so he will need to speak with his wife regarding the time commitment this committee will need from him. Hugo stated if he decides to become a member, he may not fill the term as he has been in the community for four years and his congregation moves pastors about every six years.

**Next Meeting**- Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30pm.

There was no other business and Terry adjourned the meeting in prayer at 5:30pm.