

1 PRESENT: Larry Humberd, Robert MacMillan, Larry Edwards, Ron Smals, Dan
2 O'Deens, Phil Sparling, Doug Courter, Stephen Joyce, Nathan Zakahi, John
3 McIntosh, Tom Hocking, Andy Wirt, Dan Gregory, Tom Avey (Fellowship
4 Coordinator), Tim Boal, Jim Brown, Keith Shearer, and Greg Howell (Recording
5 Secretary).

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7 Moderator Tim Boal opened with prayer.

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9 072807-1 Minutes from January were discussed.

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11 A MOTION PREVAILED to approve January's minutes as sent by email.

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13 072807-2 Questions about new churches.

14 Applications were reviewed by Tom Avey and Membership Committee.

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16 072807-3 Review of delegate's agenda:

17 -Tom Avey said he hopes to have representatives from each new church give
18 a quick report as they are presented for acceptance.

19 -There will be a first reading of proposed changes to the constitution related
20 to terms and nominating procedures. There are two hand outs in the delegate
21 packets. Robert MacMillan will present the recommended changes with relevant
22 background information. Tom suggests that two or three Fellowship Council
23 members be available in the side room of the Grace cafeteria on Tuesday &
24 Wednesday lunchtime to be able to answer questions about the proposed leadership
25 changes.

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27 072807-4 Tom Avey called attention to the fact that the ballot does not have a
28 moderator nominee for 2010 because Tom Julien has withdrawn due to his heart
29 condition and his doctor's orders. The Nominating Committee will not bring names
30 to replace Tom because they are not prepared to due to the recent nature of the
31 change. Ron Boehm (chairman of nominating committee) will move that
32 nominations cease and call delegates to prayer in small groups and encourage the
33 submission of potential names for moderator in Tom Julien's place.

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35 072807-5 DRIVEN would like a liaison with Fellowship Council. Tom Avey
36 suggested that the leadership of DRIVEN provide a consultant to Fellowship Council
37 as that bridge and request that Andy Wirt meet with them as they plan. If a west
38 coast version of DRIVEN is created they should be included as well since leadership
39 is loosely organized and these two events will be conducted by different regional
40 leaders. Constitutionally we are structured to respond to boards and directors.
41 DRIVEN doesn't function with boards or directors. We need to learn to be flexible
42 with different structures. If all they are asking for is dialog, let's pay their way this
43 year. If it becomes a helpful arrangement, then we deal with other groups in a
44 similar way.

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46 072807-6 BUDGET 2008

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2 A MOTION PREVAILED to present the budget to the delegates as printed.

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4 A MOTION PREVAILED to approve Tom Avey's housing allowance at \$30,900.00
5 for the calendar year 2008.

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7 072807-7 CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION AND MANUAL OF PROCEDURE – re:
8 moderator term changes
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10 Currently the ballot for moderator is established by the Nominating Committee. The
11 proposed changes in the current draft, if approved would give that responsibility to
12 the Fellowship Council with no opportunity for nominations from the floor. Tom Avey
13 recommend that we restore the opportunity for nomination from the floor.
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15 A MOTION change the recommended changes, Article VII Section 2 to read:
16 "Nominees may be added to the ballot from the floor, provided the nomination is
17 seconded and the nominees so named meet the qualifications set forth in Article VI,
18 Section Three of this Constitution"
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20 AMENDED MOTION PREVAILED to adjust the wording of A VII, S2 Election: "A
21 moderato/vice-moderator team may be nominated to the ballot from the floor,
22 provided the nomination is seconded and the nominees so named meet the
23 qualifications set forth in Article VI, Section Three of this Constitution"
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25 Fellowship Council Representatives were queried as to feedback received from
26 Districts:

27 RS—the changes seem to favor large church pastors. FGBC should give
28 stipend or something to encourage small church pastors to be able to be Moderator.

29 RM—the pool for moderators is diminished when it becomes 3 year terms. Is
30 it right to work part-time for the church that called him in order to work as moderator?

31 RS—perhaps a part salary should be provided by FGBC in order to hire staff
32 for moderator term.

33 DC—question to TB "how much time did you have to give to the FGBC to be
34 moderator?" ANSWER: Each FOCUS is a four day affair, plus other meetings—60
35 days—two months out of regular ministry this year. And that's with Tom Avey and
36 Sandy doing all the leg work. Q: How many Sundays? A: Only one to preach and
37 only one other. Keith Shearer—ANSWER: A few more Sundays, but time was about
38 the same as Tim Boal said. But there is a significant amount of time commitment in
39 the years before your term in theme and planning time. DO—probably a small
40 church would loose about \$6,000 of work. Staff helps with other stuff anyway, but in
41 a small church there is no one to automatically lean on. KS--make sure that your
42 church is in agreement, and make the moderator term like a special mission. DO—
43 Think of it as a "gift in kind" Fellowship Council can put out specs and if you can
44 meet requirements (time & materials) apply for the job, but maybe you are too small
45 to do the job (contractor). Tim Boal-- lots of time involved in interpersonal pastors
46 with other autonomous churches or pastors. The Fellowship is made up of

1 autonomous churches/pastors when “they” are against me, but it is seen as a
2 denomination when “they” need to shape up. QUESTION: Did you have emails
3 come back to bite? Personal response is always best. Don’t respond to the spam
4 thing with spam. No code of conduct to tell what to email or not. Moderator has no
5 authority other than to lead the Fellowship Council and the FGBC meeting.
6 Symbolic influence is all you really have. Whole lot of energy expended in emails
7 (lots of time spent formulating replies). What about lost ministry because of time
8 spent? The Moderator needs some kind of administrator help in Tom Avey’s office
9 or at his local ministry. He has to be very disciplined. Fellowship Council needs to
10 provide administrative help to moderator. I don’t know how a moderator could do it
11 without Tom and his office. How could we help small churches lend their pastor?
12 Maybe we need to expand our partnership beyond local church and district. JM—
13 when John MacArthur is gone the church takes a drop in offerings. Simi Valley has
14 already determined that church will accept the cost of lending John to Fellowship.
15 JB—what about family? Can we allow family to travel with or vacation. Needs will
16 be different with different moderators. In small meetings this week—keep notes to
17 share before Jan so Jim can handle discussion in Jan. PS—we have moved
18 moderator nomination from Nominating Committee to Fellowship Council so it is up
19 to us to care for added needs for a moderator to succeed. Part of our regular
20 meeting time should be to ask him how we can help and what are his needs. If all
21 are responsible, none will do. Do we need a moderator concern committee?
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23 DO met with National Ministry Leaders and was well received. There was no
24 opposition for direction we are planning to take. But we don’t know if we have
25 addressed the problem with this plan. We do not assume that everybody has to
26 signed on since we didn’t present it this way. Looked it a very culturally American
27 leadership structure, when there are many leaders that would not fit—someone
28 questioned if there was flexibility. Not really addressing the problem that FGBC is
29 not moving and this structure won’t fix—it still takes people to do it. Structure will
30 give the right people the time to do the job. DG—Is the purpose of the change to
31 provide cooperation or vision? Maybe we need reconciliation and cooperation for
32 united vision. TB—time is not what is needed. If you really wanted to create a
33 vision—have each director submit his vision to the will of the moderator—then you
34 would have movement. Moderator has no power because the NAT/ORGs have the
35 power and resources, but going in their own directions. If leaders of NAT/ORGs
36 were required to submit to Moderator, we would all be forced to cooperate but this is
37 not possible in our current reality. Each director answers to his own board and there
38 is very little cross pollination between boards. Have to have willingness to cooperate
39 and work together. DO—at this level maybe we are just spinning wheels. Our
40 problem really is that we are not unitedly focused on seeing people saved. KS--
41 focus hasn’t changed during this decade. RM—but the vision has not been
42 hardwired into the local church.

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44 072807-8 CELEBRATE 08 – Jim Brown

45 Jim would like all churches to get on the boat toward evangelism. It is a
46 matter of passion for evangelism among us all. We need more time of prayer on our

1 knees. Can't wait to deliver the passion, but know there will be criticism. It is my
2 passion to see our churches get on mission. Kids at Momentum (formerly BNYC)
3 were serving, sharing, and fishing. What could happen to us? 12 men changed the
4 world. Jim distributed brochure. Imagine... Theme: iGo imagine There are lost
5 people in every community. (Showed promo video). SJoyce prayed for iGo08 and
6 Jim Brown as he continues to plan and prepare. There is a schedule conflict with
7 Momentum (Mon-Sunday) and FGBC Conference begins Saturday. Jim will make
8 it work.

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10 072807-9 EQUIP 09

11 Tom, Keith and Tim planned the last two. We need to form a new team.
12 Ought to form a sub group of Fellowship Council to work with JMc and maybe
13 include someone from AGBM. How much time does the team need? 4-5 phone
14 meetings, ½ day. General tracks and then Tom Avey finishing the logistics. Like a
15 steering committee. JM how much of the seminary is involved? 4 courses (try to
16 include Grace so can use their profs and facilities). Tom Avey wouldn't recommend
17 handing it over to Grace Seminary. JMc—so Winona Lake is not required location,
18 then?. TA—would entertain invitation from Columbus, but want it to be their
19 invitation. DO—could it be in two locations, East Coast and West? It might be a
20 good time when John is moderator. We have about the same attendance for an
21 Equip or a Celebrate conference. Some pastors bring their whole staff. Net effect is
22 we are reaching more people between the two styles. The whole idea of the
23 learning community might be lost if we split the Equip. Could have core central and
24 specialized in West. Fellowship Council representatives should be liaisons reporting
25 with districts and ask what do they want? Equip05 attendance was 350- Equip07 is
26 390+ with about 45 for the senior menu. Brad Powell (attended Grace) will be Tues
27 morning and free: *Change without compromise*. DG Suggested that someone
28 from DRIVEN team be on committee. TB –we also could have benefited from a
29 woman on the team. LH--Is it up to Moderator or Fellowship Council to direct it?
30 Tradition is Moderator, but in the end it is Fellowship Council's responsibility. LH--
31 Wouldn't we want a Seminary representative on the team? Committee worked on
32 non credit stuff and then asked Jeff Gill what they wanted to offer. Equip05—all
33 NAT/ORGs were given opportunity to respond.

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35 A MOTION PREVAILED that Fellowship Council members involve their districts
36 ministriums by asking them for input for classes for Equip 09, need by Oct 15.

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38 Tom Avey will put request for input in conference news sheet also.

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40 Moderator elect. John McIntosh will take the lead in coordinating and structuring the
41 committee to design Equip 09.

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43 072807-10 JB distributed FOCUS retreat schedule "ZAP that thirst" (from
44 Gatorade theme) time to sit around and share ministry experiences. Be sure to
45 bring your leadership teams.

1 072807-11 Calendar

2 Winter meeting will begin Jan 23 (Wed –dinner at 6pm) and ends Sat
3 January 26 at noon. If you can hang around Sunday, TA will put you in a church to
4 preach or bring greeting at a Southern California church.

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6 072807-12 TH--shared concerns from Ed Waken about the change in moderator
7 selection appearing to be a “power grab”. TH felt that Robert MacMillan
8 communicated the proposal well. He also commented that putting floor nominations
9 back into procedures eliminates the concerns Ed expressed.

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11 072807-13 Tim thanked Fellowship Council for getting work done and completed an
12 hour early.

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14 072807-14 Devotions will be led by Stephen Joyce each morning during Equip07.

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16 072807-15 Tim recognized out going members Larry Edwards, Doug Courter,
17 Nathan Zakahi, and Keith Shearer asking Keith to close in prayer.

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19 Respectfully submitted,

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22 Gregory M. Howell
23 Recording Secretary