

# State of the Church Meeting June 11, 2023



State of the  
Church:  
Welcome  
Nev Nicholson



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Church:  
The History of Journey  
Dean Campbell



# State of the Church: Governance

Jon Austin



# Organization

- Llano Journey Fellowship is incorporated as a non-profit organization in the state of Texas, qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Journey operates under a set of Bylaws adopted in November 2015.
- The Bylaws are available for review upon request, by making an appointment with the Journey Secretary (Richard Potts) at the church office.



# Leadership Structure

- The Bylaws set forth the original members of the Leadership Board (the Board).
- New Board members are appointed by existing Board members.
- The Bylaws require a minimum of 5 Board members at all times.
- The sole qualification is that a Board member must be of the age of majority in Texas (18).



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Leadership Board  
Nev Nicholson



# Elder Team

- Dean Campbell
- Mike Center
- Justin Davis
- Terry Franklin
- Nev Nicholson





# Business Team

- Richard Potts
- Linda Potts
- Jon Austin



# Membership

- Journey Fellowship does not have at present – and has never had – a formal membership process.



# Board Meetings

- The Board holds a formal meeting at least once per month.
- Informal and ad hoc meetings are held as needed.



# Decision-Making Process

- Issues brought before the Board are decided by majority vote during any meeting for which a quorum is established.
- Church staff generally has the authority to make decisions about items for which a budget has been approved.



# Communications with the Board

- Any questions, suggestions or concerns relating to any aspect of Journey Fellowship may be submitted to any member of the Board.
- Written communication (e-mail or letter) is preferred, particularly if it is an issue that should be addressed by the Board as a whole.



# Taxes

- Journey Fellowship does not file a federal tax return, it is currently exempted from this requirement, due to its non-profit, 501(c)(3) status.



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Mission Statement &  
Statement of Faith  
Terry Franklin



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Church Financials  
Richard Potts





# Keeping the Books

- Books are closed and bank accounts are reconciled monthly.
- Balance sheets and Statements of Revenues and Expenses are prepared monthly and reviewed with the Board.



# The Church Budget

- An annual Operating Budget is established by the Business Team of the Board.
- The Operating Budget is prepared in early December each year.
- Basis for the Operating Budget:
  - Giving history for the past 3 years
  - Known commitments
  - Planned changes
  - Inflation expectations
  - Never budget a deficit

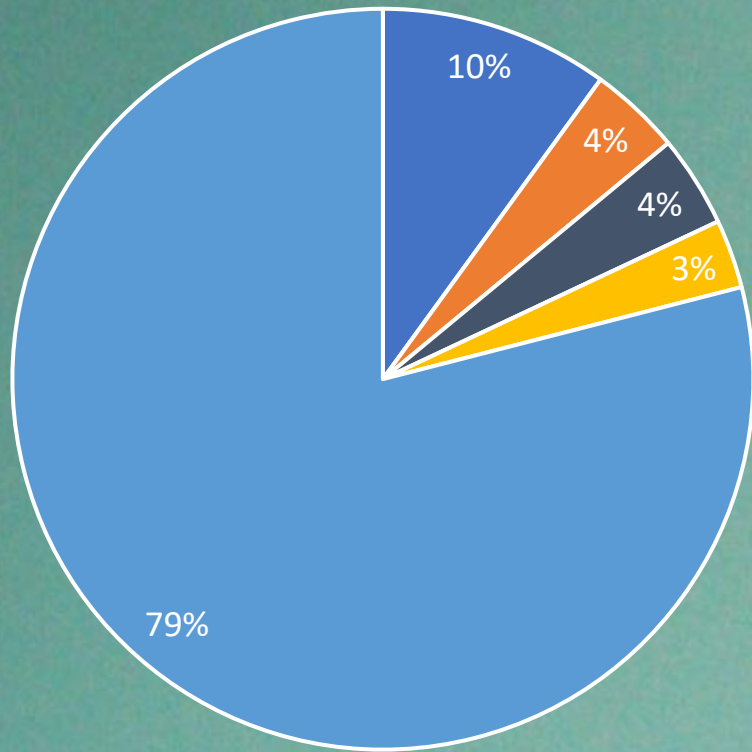


# The Church Budget, cont'd

- Each month when the books are closed, we compare actual amounts spent to their corresponding budgets.
- If changes are indicated, we adjust our budget expectations to accommodate.
- For Calendar Year 2023, our monthly operating expense budget is \$25,000 (with a full-time pastor on staff).



# Budget Breakdown



- Benevolence
- First Wednesday family meals
- Repairs and maintenance
- Utilities
- All other budget items, including:
  - Payroll and payroll taxes
  - Parsonage allowance
  - Insurance: property and liability
  - Office & coffee bar supplies and operations
  - Phone, Internet & security system
  - Childrens' church supplies



# Financial Condition

- Over the last few years, Journey has been blessed to be able to pay off all its debt (the bus and the building mortgage).
- Prudent financial planning would suggest a minimum of 3 months' operating expenses be held in reserve. That would be approximately \$75,000, at a minimum.
- Journey is currently blessed to have over one year's operating expenses in reserve.



# Financial Condition, cont'd

- Current reserves could be used for future facility expansion, to meet an as-yet-unforeseen community opportunity or need, or to cover a shortfall in giving.
- Recent giving history – during 5 of the past 7 months – giving has fallen short of our projected operating expenses (with a full time pastor).
- The presence of reserves has made it possible to continue to operate in the midst of this shortfall.



# State of the Church: Building Fund & Benevolence

Linda Potts



# Building Fund

- Dollars specifically marked as building fund
- Purpose: repairs, maintenance, improvements and capital additions
- Past expenses
  - Roof repairs
  - New air conditioning units
  - New flooring
  - Expanding Children's Church area
  - Storage building
- Current projects being considered
  - Exterior painting and lighting
  - Constructing a more private entrance to the ADA-compliant restroom





# Benevolence Fund

- Purpose: caring and providing for people in our community who are in need.
- Ten percent (10%) of all undirected offerings go into the Benevolence Fund.
- The Benevolence Team (Connie Center, Evelyn Nicholson and Tania Quigley) oversees the distribution of assistance.



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Pastoral Status  
Mike Center



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Looking Forward  
Justin Davis



# Looking Forward

- Vision / Dreams / Goals for the coming year
  - Continued Relationship through Family Meals
  - Continued Discipleship through Life Groups and Kids Ministry
  - Kids Summer Series
  - Vision for a church directory for further connecting
  - Marriage Refinement
  - A Church that Serves our Community
    - Benevolence and Serve Team



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Q & A  
Leadership Board

