

SLT UPDATE

September 19, 2018

Attendees: Barb Bulthuis (Deacon Representative), Rick Bulthuis (Elder Representative), Dave DeGroot, Rev. Gregg DeMey, Jack Lanenga, Steve Loerop, Rob Petroelje, Kevin Van Solkema, and Ken Vos.

The following are highlights from the Senior Leadership Team meeting on September 19, 2018:

1. **Elders:** Rick Bulthuis presented the minutes from their meeting on September 10th. On behalf of another Elder, Rick asked Mimi Stanton (Christian Education Committee Chair) when the last time the Covenant Education Plan (CEP) was reviewed by an accounting firm. Mimi noted that the CEP was reviewed by an accounting firm after the last major change which was a couple years ago.
2. **Deacons:** Barb Bulthuis presented the minutes from their meeting on August 20th for information and stated that they met Monday, September 17th. Barb shared some of the Deacon's recent activities with regards to Servants on Standby, Love Inc., Link program, and the Single Mothers Ministry (SHE). She also noted that there will be an opportunity to donate toward hurricane relief through World Renew on Sunday, September 22nd and 29th.
3. **Executive Director:** Jack Lanenga presented his report for information. Jack noted that we will be moving forward with the application to join the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability. In regards to the facility, Jack reported that many ice-catchers have been re-installed, that there are new lights on the east side of the building, and that the seal coating and asphalt work will be done soon. Jack added that the security conference on September 15th went well. Lastly, Jack added that our manlift needs to be repaired or replaced. Jack will be considering alternative solutions such as renting before we repair or replace the manlift.
4. **Lead Pastor:** Pastor Gregg DeMey's report was presented for information. Pastor Gregg noted that momentum is gaining for the Explore God movement: there are five area Christian Reformed Churches (CRC) that will be participating. Gregg reminded the SLT that when an individual has a grievance that the person be directed toward the appropriate staff person versus allowing the grievance to be addressed to a wide audience. Pastor Gregg shared that even though Classis considered asking ECRC to hold the papers of a pastor in Bridgeport, the request was eventually withdrawn. At the October SLT meeting Pastor Gregg will lead a review of Chapters 3 and 4 in, "*The 9 Arts of Spiritual Conversation*".

5. **Treasurer's Report:** Dave DeGroot presented and reviewed the Balance Sheet as of August 31st, 2018. Dave highlighted the line items showing that the old mortgage note and Barnabas load were closed out and the new mortgage line item totaling \$5,254,431. Then Dave noted how we are \$246,000 behind budgeted receipts. Dave concluded that the staff will be presenting snippets of their ministries to the congregation so that the congregation gets a better understanding of how their donations are being used.

6. **Christian Education Committee:** Mimi Stanton's report was presented for information. Mimi noted that the roll out for 2018-2019 went well however they have some new ideas which will help streamline the process next year. Mimi thanked Jack Lanenga and Ken Vander Wal for estimating the budget numbers very well. Below are the number of participants in the CEP.

	2018/2019	2017/2018	2016/2017
Students	209	220	218
Families	106	106	104

7. **Pastor Search Committee:** Ken Vos reported that they will be conducting face to face interviews with the final three candidates. The hope is that the committee will have their recommendation by the November SLT meeting.

8. The next SLT meeting will be Wednesday, October 17, 2018