

SLT UPDATE

December 21, 2016

The following are highlights from the **Senior Leadership Team** meeting on December 21, 2016:

1. Bob Venhousen, Elder Representative to the SLT, presented the minutes of the Elder's meeting November 14, 2016 for information and added that they met on December 12th. Bob noted that there were discussions regarding the ECRC Worship Vision.
2. Ted Feenstra, Deacon Representative to the SLT, presented the minutes of the Deacon's meeting November 21, 2016 for information and added that they met on Monday December 12th. Ted mentioned that the Seniors' Brunch and all visits to the widows and widowers for 2016 went well.
3. Jack Lanenga, Executive Director of Operations, presented his report for information. Jack noted that in January he and the relevant church staff members will be evaluating impact of the various church rentals; this is an annual evaluation. Jack mentioned that the pledges from the Consecrated Capital Campaign have been coming in as expected and that they should meet the total pledged amount.
4. Rev. Gregg DeMey presented his report for information. Pastor Gregg's report elaborated on some of the recent worship experiences. In particular, he shared the events of Sunday December 4, and how members of our church and church staff helped guest soprano Alfreda Burke, from *Too Hot to Handel: The Jazz-Gospel Messiah*, manage the news of her mother passing during the service. His report stated, "*This was a remarkable Sunday in which the presence of the Holy Spirit was singularly palpable and present.*"
5. Rev. Semeyn presented his report for information. Rev mentioned that he has attended several functions at our church including the Little Lambs Christmas programs, Deacons' Brunch, Behold the Lamb of God concert, and others. He reflected that it is a good way to spend time with members in different environments. Among other activities, Rev's time has been spent getting ready for the special services and making year-end giving calls.
6. Dave DeGroot, SLT Treasurer, reviewed the Balance Sheet as of November 30th, 2016 and the Profit and Loss Report through November. He is still projecting to see expenses come in \$100,000 less than budget. He also confirmed that the church has received the Water Bill refund check. Dave mentioned that there were some year-end capital expenditures that needed to take place. Dave added that the Finance Committee met December 1, and reviewed and made recommendations to the proposed 2017 budget. Dave also stated that the Finance Committee reviewed their member terms and made recommendations to the SLT.
7. Mimi Stanton presented the minutes from Christian Education Committee's (CEC) November 30th meeting for information. Mimi also stated that she and Gregg Wolterstorff met with the Deacons to see how the two committees can work together to better assist

families in need. Mimi noted that there will be no major changes to the Christian Education Plan (CEP) at this time. They are making some minor adjustments to the 2017 – 2018 CEP worksheets. On October 8, 2017 the CEC will be hosting a Christian Education event and one of the key speakers will be Reverend Blackman. The CEC also discussed nominations to serve on the Timothy Christian School Board.

8. The work on the parking lot has stopped at this time; in progress it became apparent that more clay was needed for base of the parking lot than what was ordered. Due to winter cold and wetness, the work is on hold, and will restart when the weather warms.
9. Congregational Meeting is set for **February 7, 2017**.
10. The next SLT meeting will be Wednesday, January 18, 2017.