

SLT UPDATE

December 19, 2018

Attendees: Barb Bulthuis (Deacon Rep.), Rick Bulthuis (Elder Rep), Rev. Gregg DeMey, Jack Lanenga, Steve Loerop, Rob Petroelje, Phil Sikkenga, Mimi Stanton, and Ken Vos

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

1. **Elders:** Rick Bulthuis presented the minutes from their meeting on December 10th.
2. **Deacons:** Barb Bulthuis presented the minutes from their meeting on November 19th. She added that the Deacons did not meet in December and that their next meeting will be January 14th, 2019. Barb noted that their Widow and Widower visits are underway. Lastly, Barb said that the Deacons have completed their nominating list.
3. **Executive Director:** Jack Lanenga presented his report for information. Jack expressed his gratitude for his excellent retirement celebration that was enjoyed by so many people.
4. **Lead Pastor:** Pastor Gregg's report was presented for information. Pastor Gregg commented on the great time had by the congregation at Jack's retirement celebration. He added that the work done by staff for the party was done happily and is a testament to the love the church staff has toward Jack. Pastor Gregg also commended the recent work done by the Deacons and how they have handled recent benevolent cases. Lastly Gregg added that a group from ECRC will be going to Hope College on February 2 for training in their "Generation Spark" initiative. At the January SLT meeting Pastor Gregg will lead a review of Chapter 6 and 7 in "*The 9 Arts of Spiritual Conversation*."
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Jack Lanenga presented and reviewed the Balance Sheet and Income Statement as of November 30th, 2018. Jack noted that our receipts are roughly \$6,000 ahead of last year to date. Jack is still projecting our expenses to come in \$100,000 under budget. He added that our Cash Flow Report showed our cash position is good as of the end of November.
6. **Personnel Committee:** No Meeting. Rob commented that Lena Bolton was hired as the second part-time custodian.
7. **Pastor Search Committee:** Ken Vos reported that Derek Elmi-Buursma declined the offer for the Director of Discipleship position. The Search Committee plans to reconvene in January.
8. **Important Dates:**
Council Meeting January 21, 2019
Congregational Meeting February 5, 2019
9. The next SLT meeting will be Wednesday, January 16, 2018