

SLT UPDATE

February 15, 2017

The following are highlights from the Senior Leadership Team meeting on February 15, 2017:

1. **Elders:** Bob Venhousen, Elder Representative to the SLT, presented the minutes from their February 13 meeting for information. Bob reported that there was enthusiastic discussion expressed with regards to the Mission Sunday service. Bob mentioned that their discussions regarding the ECRC Worship Vision continued.
2. **Deacons:** Ted Feenstra, Deacon Representative to the SLT, presented the minutes from the January 16, 2017 meeting for information. Ted added that the Deacons will be meeting Monday, February 20. Their meeting consisted of normal activities including reviewing current benevolent cases. Dave Zeilstra, SLT Chair, thanked Ted for his work on SLT over the past two years.
3. **Executive Director:** Jack Lanenga, Executive Director of Operations, presented his report for information. Jack highlighted that the mortgage was reset in January and that the monthly mortgage payment went from \$36,628 to \$31,772. Jack mentioned that the Audit by Capin Crouse will start 2/20/17. He noted the good job that Cedarstone does in working on their part of the audit with Capin Crouse. Jack is continuing to assemble information and ideas to address issues and concerns about the security of our building during the week. The SLT reiterated that Jack is empowered to take immediate action if he identifies a security issue he feels needs to be addressed. His security report is tentatively scheduled for April.
4. **Associate Pastor:** Rev Gregg DeMey's report was presented for information. Pastor Gregg mentioned that two Elders will be going to the next Classis Northern Illinois meeting on March 1. Pastor Gregg will be leading the Ash Wednesday services at ECRC on March 1: the mini-service times are 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. Pastor Gregg shared his thoughts about ECRC having one worship identity.
5. **Lead Pastor:** Rev. Peter Semeyn presented his report for information. Rev mentioned that he has been working on the process of transitioning to retirement and making sure his responsibilities will be covered. Rev will be leading the staff retreat at Park Place on March 6. Rev also mentioned that he will be officiating at five weddings this spring and summer and that he has been enjoying his counseling time with these five couples. The SLT approved the ECRC Children's Ministries Department's request to raise funds for World Vision's 6K Run and Walk for Water.
6. **Treasurer:** Dave DeGroot and Jack Lanenga reviewed the Elmhurst Ministries Fund (EMF) the church budget, Cash Budget report as of January 31. They noted that the cash balance at of the end of January 2017 is slightly above last year to date.
7. **Christian Education Committee:** Mimi Stanton did not have a report however she noted that the Parent Meetings for enrolling in next year's CEP will be March 12, 15, and 19.

8. **Ten Talents Team:** The Ten Talents Team had their minutes from their January 19th meeting presented for information. They have no meeting planned in February. The Congregational Online Survey is scheduled to start March 12.
9. **Pastor Search Committee:** The SLT approved the following people who will serve on the Search Committee with Dave Zeilstra and Ken Vos: Dawn Feenstra, Lisa Zylstra, Richard Bulthuis (Elder representative), Rob Petroelje, and Mac Wiener.
10. The next SLT meeting will be Wednesday, March 15, 2017.