

SLT UPDATE

March 15, 2017

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

1. **Elders:** Bob Venhousen, Elder Representative to the SLT, presented the minutes from the March 13 meeting for information. Bob reported that it was a productive meeting in which they assigned positions to the new elders and heard reports from the various ministry groups. The Elders were impressed with the many good things coming out of the ministry reports. Rev also took time to thank the retiring elders for their faithful service. Below is an excerpt from the Elder's minutes in regards to ECRC's Worship Vision Discussion:
In the March 2017 meeting, the elders concluded several months of discussion on the topic of a single worship identity at both Sunday morning services. Given the amount of change in coming months with the search for a new Lead Pastor, it was decided that further discussion and possible action on this topic would be tabled until a later date.
2. **Deacons:** Barb Bulthuis, Deacon Representative to the SLT, presented the minutes from the February 20, 2017 meeting for information. Barb added that they would be meeting Monday, March 20. Their meeting consisted of assigning positions and addressing their benevolent cases. The Senior Brunch will be held on April 22.
3. **Executive Director:** Jack Lanenga, Executive Director of Operations, presented his report for information. Capin Crouse completed the Audit with the assistance of Cedarstone and Jack. Jack pointed out that the backup generators have recently been serviced and are up and running. A new generator to power a storm sewer pump will be installed this spring. All eight pumps are scheduled to be inspected this spring/summer. It is anticipated that the Timothy Christian School teachers, students, and staff will continue to use the ECRC parking lot weekdays through September 2017. Summer rentals include the following: SpringHill Day Camp, Little Lambs Vacation Bible School, King's Crossing, and Spotlight Youth Theater Camp. There is no update on the parking lot expansion other than they will be scheduling the 150 truckloads of clay soon.
4. **Associate Pastor:** Rev. Gregg DeMey's report was presented for information. Pastor Gregg led a conversation with regards to the "Single Worship Identity". His recommendation was to table the issue for future iteration by the Elders. This recommendation was supported at the Elders meeting on March 13. Pastor Gregg also mentioned that several students would be making Profession of Faith on June 10. Pastor Gregg has also been planning the sermon schedule over the summer.
5. **Lead Pastor:** Rev. Semeyn presented his report for information. Rev highlighted that the March 6th staff retreat was of great value in helping the staff grow closer, plan goals for ministries, and increase communication with each other. The staff will be preparing for reviews in April and May. Rev is continuing to lead the One Pastor's group.
6. **Treasurer Report:** Jack Lanenga reviewed the Elmhurst Ministries Fund (EMF) Cash Budget report as of February 28. Jack noted that we are \$51,000 short of anticipated receipts year to date. We have also incurred \$46,000 less than budget. Therefore we are

in a budget neutral position however the lower expenses incurred is merely a timing difference. Our current receipts are approximately \$43,000 less than last year to date. The Consecrated: Light and Water Capital Campaign will conclude in May.

7. **Christian Education Committee:** Mimi Stanton noted that the Parent Meeting dates have changed. The new dates for enrolling in next year's Covenant Education Plan (CEP) will be Sunday, April 2, Wednesday, April 5, and Sunday April 9. The Cedarstone income verifications will be on Wednesday, April 12, Wednesday April 19, and Sunday April 23. The Christian Education Event will be on October 8 at ECRC. Rev. Tim Blackman, Wheaton College Chaplain, will be the Keynote speaker.
8. **Ten Talents Team:** The Congregational Online Survey started Sunday, March 12 and within the first weekend there were 140 respondents. There will be computers available in the lobby for those who do not have computer access at home.
9. The next SLT meeting will be Wednesday, April 19, 2017.