

SLT UPDATE

The following are highlights from the Senior Leadership Team meeting on November 16, 2016:

1. Bob Venhousen, Elder representative to the SLT, presented the minutes of the Elder's meeting November 14, 2016 for information. The Elders clarified Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church's (ECRC) position on same-sex marriage and their implications for ECRC. ECRC's policy on this issue is contained on our website. Pastor DeMey discussed with the Elders the Worship Vision for ECRC.
2. Ted Feenstra, Deacon representative to the SLT, presented the minutes of the Deacon's meeting October 17, 2016 for information. Ted mentioned that the Seniors' Brunch is December 10 and that visits to widows and widowers will take place over the next couple weeks. The special offering for World Renew and the victims of Hurricane Mathew *raised approximately \$10,800.*
3. Jack Lanenga, Executive Director of Operations, presented his report for information. Jack noted that there are many church rentals in progress and in planning. Jack is planning to install a backup generator for the storm sewer pumps in front of the condos, approximate cost is \$20,000 and 67% of this will be covered by Park Place. Our cost of this project will be in the 2017 budget.
4. Rev. Gregg DeMey presented his report for information. Pastor Gregg mentioned the following upcoming important dates: Christmas Eve services on December 24 at 3:00 and 5:00 p.m., and a special Christmas Eve Worship/Communion Service from 11:30 p.m. to 12:15 a.m. The Broken Halos will be performing the Lamb of God on Friday, December 16. The worship service with Angola will be on December 18. Finally two amazing gospel singers, Roderick Dixon and Alfreda Burke, from "Too Hot to Handel" will be joining us December 4th.
5. Rev. Semeyn presented his report for information. Rev mentioned that the recent staff retreat at Park Place was a good source of enthusiasm and team building. Rev shared with the SLT a thank you plaque received from Mujer Victoriosa who used our facility in September.
6. Dave DeGroot, SLT Treasurer, reviewed the Profit and Loss report for October 31, 2016, which showed our receipts are off \$167,000 compared to budget. Our annual expenses are projected to be approximately \$100,000 less than budget. Dave DeGroot and Dave Zeilstra, SLT Chair, discussed the plan to communicate this need and encourage end of the year giving.
7. The minutes of the Ten Talents Team was presented for information from their meeting on November 7, 2016. The team has been doing their due diligence with regards to working with Barnabas and utilizing their survey. A motion was approved to use this survey in 2017.
8. ECRC's annual Congregational Meeting is set for February 7, 2017.
9. The next SLT meeting will be Wednesday, December 21, 2016.