

SLT UPDATE

September 20, 2017

The following are highlights from the Senior Leadership Team meeting on September 20, 2017:

1. **Elders:** Bob Venhousen presented the minutes from the September 11 meeting for information. Bob noted that the care and concern calls will be starting soon. Lisa Cappazzoli is organizing the Section Leader reception dates. On Sunday, September 24 Pastor Gregg will be commissioned as our Lead Pastor.
2. **Deacons:** Barb Bulthuis presented the minutes from the August 21 meeting for information and added that they also met on September 18. Barb reported that Love Inc. (a Deacon's partner) will be hosting their fundraiser at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church (ECRC) on November 11. Hurricane relief will go on the rest of this month, with the funds going toward the Christian Reformed Church's disaster relief organization, World Renew.
3. **Executive Director:** Jack Lanenga presented his report for information. Jack noted that the ECRC's line of credit has been renewed. Jack mentioned that he spent time at the Elmhurst City Hall lobbying for the city to make improvements to Brush Hill Road. Jack also noted that the City of Elmhurst Health Inspector is requiring the installation of a dishwasher in the Java Stop. Per Jack's request funds were approved to purchase a new coffee bar and modular information center which will play a bigger role now that the east side of the building is being used.
4. **Lead Pastor:** Gregg's report was presented for information. Gregg then led the SLT in a discussion on Chapter two of the book called Growing Young. The point of the book is to challenge leaders to demonstrate "Key Chain Leadership", where we train, prepare, and trust those who are coming up next by handing over to them the keys to lead.
5. **Treasurer:** Dave DeGroot reviewed the Balance Sheet as of August 31st, 2017. He noted that we have approximately \$321,000 in our checking account which is considerably higher than normal given this time of year. Dave pointed out that as of the end of August our receipts are slightly above budget and that our expenses are currently below budget. Dave then led a discussion on the Capital Campaign which was decided to be extended until the end of the year. The Capital Campaign had total pledges of \$4,014,000 and we have received \$3,751,000 which gives us a balance due of \$263,000 of pledges to be collected. Plans are being made to celebrate this great news later this year at the end of the campaign. Dave Zeilstra led a prayer of thanksgiving for the good financial update. The Finance committee will come back with some proposals by December about how best to deal with our Long Term Debt.
6. **Christian Education Committee:** Mimi Stanton reported that the committee has been preparing for the Celebration of Christian Education event on October 8th at 4pm in the new Middle School at Timothy. The SLT and church staff along with the congregation are being encouraged to attend. Mimi mentioned that the Elders are reviewing the CEP Affirmation Statement.

The participation numbers in the CEP are below:

2016-2017

- 218 students participated in the CEP representing 104 families.
- There were 29 ECRC students attending Timothy not in the CEP.

2017-2018

- 220 students are participating in the CEP representing 106 families.
- There are 52 ECRC students attending Timothy not in the CEP.

7. **Audit Committee:** Kevin Van Solkema noted that the committee met on September 19 and had a productive meeting. Topics discussed were the ECRC Credit Card Policy, cyber security at ECRC, and the Conflict of Interest Policy.
8. **Search Committee:** Dave Zeilstra noted that the committee continues to meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. He noted that there have been 12 completed applications and that they have begun the interview process.
9. The next SLT meeting will be Wednesday, October 18, 2017.