

SLT UPDATE

January 18, 2023

Attendees: Mimi Stanton, Rob Petroelje, Todd Bouman, Gary Van Prooyen, Aaron Ozinga, Erika Rooks Wilgenburg, Ken Schaafsma, Bastiaan van den Berg, Jon VanderPlas (Elder Representative), Jennifer Stolzenbach (Deacon Representative)

The following are highlights of the January 18 Senior Leadership Team meeting:

- 1. Elders:** Jon VanderPlas presented the minutes from the January 9 Elders' meeting. He reported that 15 middle and high school students have been added to the Elder's prayer list. Jon also reported that the Elders are working with the Care Department to bring communion to homebound members. Jon also reported the Elders have received positive feedback from the Alpha worship experience.
- 2. Deacons:** Jennifer Stolzenbach gave a verbal update from the Deacons' meeting on January 16. She presented the slate of Deacon candidates for the 2023-2026 term. She also shared some observations from the Christmas lunch and shared comments from the Deacons who visited with our widows and widowers in December.
- 3. Executive Director:** Mimi Stanton presented her report for information. She reported that ECRC has submitted an application for a federal grant that would provide funds for security expenses. Mimi recognized the teamwork of Michelle DeJong, Rev. Peter Semeyn, Sheri VanSpronsen-Leppink, and Kyle Olson. She thanked them for their time and expertise in preparing numerous documents to complete the application by the deadline. She also expressed gratitude to the Ozinga Companies and the Elmhurst Police Department for their collaboration and review of building controls and security processes. She noted that the EPD spent three hours inspecting the building and prepared a report of their findings to accompany the grant application.
- 4. Lead Pastor:** Pastor Gregg is on Sabbatical from December 26 - January 24.
- 5. Treasurer's Report:** Bastiaan van den Berg presented the Treasurer's report, Balance Sheet, Income Statement, and Liquidity Level as of December 31. Bas reported a good liquidity level at 137 days of expense coverage. Final 2022 financial information will be available from Cedarstone before the end of the month. The 2022 income and expense results will be provided at the January 30, 2023 Council meeting and the February 12, 2023 Congregational meeting.
- 6. Finance Committee:** Bastiaan van den Berg presented a draft budget for 2023. Discussion centered around the impact of 2022 receipts on the 2023 budget and the key factors that influenced the 2023 budgeting decisions. The SLT approved the budget for presentation to ECRC's Council of Elders and Deacons at their January 30 meeting and anticipates its endorsement for presentation at the Annual Congregational Meeting on February 12.
- 7. Christian Education Committee** – Gary Van Prooyen reported that the committee will begin the 2023-24 enrollment and application process in late-March and will arrange for in-person meetings with families.