

OSLC Elder Board Minutes

9-22-2018

Members Present: Pastor Rich Davis, Chairman Nick Dreyer, Wayne Johnson, Steve Carbno, Lynn Nord and Jim Potts

Members Absent: Ryan Schaan, Paul Dockter and Eric Poppinga

Chairman Dreyer opened the meeting at 8:15am. Pastor Davis opened the meeting in a word of prayer. Chairman Dreyer asked the Pastor how the move went and if there was anything Pastor Davis needed. Chairman Dreyer reminded the Elders that part of their duty is Pastoral Care. Pastor Davis said he was looking for a small desk and he also brought up the issue of refunding his moving expenses. The Elder told him to bring that issue to the Governing Board. Pastor also said he will try to take Monday's off and he is busy getting acclimated to OSLC and the staff. Pastor mentioned he met with District President Bertsch about his installation ceremony and talked about some changes President Bertsch wanted to make. Pastor Davis commented on how he liked the ministry opportunities at OSLC. Pastor Davis discussed transitioning from a Call Committee to a Transition Team and how that works. Pastor Davis discussed OSLC's Wednesday activities and his initial thoughts on it. He and the Elders discussed the possibility of going from three years of Confirmation to two years and how that would look. Elder Nord and Potts agreed with Pastor Davis since they have or had children in Confirmation. Pastor also discussed concerns with Andy's position and he felt it was important to get that position filled. These topics will also be discussed with the Governing Board. Chairman Dreyer brought up the need for male volunteers on Wednesday nights to be a mentor to Confirmation age boys since most of their interactions are with females throughout Sunday School and beyond. Chairman Dreyer brought up the newly formed S-Team who will serve as a maintenance team for OSLC. Bonnie was nice to enough to pass along many names who may fit well with that team. Along with Elder Schaan, Elder Nord has agreed to be one of the leaders for the S-Team and discussed his vision of the team. Chairman Dreyer brought up the continuation of shut-in visits by Elders. It's important for the Elders to introduce Pastor Davis to the shut-ins. Pastor also said it's important for the Elders to not stop visiting them even though he will also visit. Chairman Dreyer handed out the latest MercyCare budget and noted the fund is healthy. Elder Carbno discussed some of the latest recipients of MercyCare funds and how the situations have come about. All the Elders are happy with how this fund continues to help members in need. Chairman Dreyer asked if Elders would send him their OSLC 2019 Milestones/Goals to him by the end of September so he could present them to the Governing Board at the October meeting. Chairman Dreyer briefed the Elders on contacting Lutherans for Life to possibly come in with a speaker to the Men's Saturday Morning Bible Study and also to the adult Bible Study on Sundays. Pastor Davis said he used to do "Life Sunday" to focus his sermon and activities on the Christian view of life and how it pertains to abortion. Chairman Dreyer will try to coordinate a time for a speaker to come in January since that is the earliest they are available. Chairman Dreyer reminded the Elders of the next Member Call Night on Tuesday, Oct. 16th at 6pm. He reminded them of the Mercy Conference happening in Fargo on Oct. 27th and the Elder Workshop in Fargo on February 2nd. The next Elder Board Meeting will be October 13th at 8am.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40am.

Submitted in the Name of Jesus,

Nickolas Dreyer

