

Our Savior Lutheran Church Board of Elders Meeting

8:00 am Saturday December 1, 2018

Chairman Dryer called the meeting to order at 8:07am.

Pastor Davis opened the meeting in prayer.

Chairman Dryer asked the Elders to introduce themselves to newly elected Elder, Ed Haugen, and tell a little bit about themselves and what OSLC means to us and what we've learned during our time on the Board.

Chairman Dreyer brought up the subject of shut-ins and visits and the need to complete not only the visit but also the informational sheet. Ed Haugen volunteered to take as many of the hospital visits he could make it to and stated he would ask for help if he couldn't make it.

The Stewardship Program and associated classes that will be offered were discussed. Pastor Davis and Chairman Dreyer stated it may be a good idea to do a Monday, Tuesday or Thursday. The class is approximately 9 weeks long, and will likely be a \$112 tuition payment for the class. Pastor Davis thought the class was likely going to be held in January. The class would be approximately one hour long over a 9 week period.

Life Sunday will be scheduled for possibly the 13th or 20th of January. The Elder Board would like to bring someone into the Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study and also into the services on Sunday, January 20th.

Brent Detlaff joined the meeting to present and discuss the Men's Winter Refuge. The Men's Winter Refuge provides a year-around service for individuals in need, in addition to the necessary and obvious need for winter shelter. The facility has 5 bedrooms and holds about 15 people. Brent covered what types of materials they need in the way of clothes, steel toe boots, food items, apartment items, snack items. The men are in the shelter from 7pm to 7am. Occasionally, someone from OSLC takes left over food from the Wednesday night programs over to them. Our Board or the congregation can donate food for the 7pm program or breakfast items as per the list that was provided. There is also a need for snacks, refrigerated type things, and other evening snack and breakfast items. Volunteers are also needed for being there in overnight situations, as someone is needed to keep an eye out for people who need things and watch over the house. There's a zero tolerance policy for drugs and alcohol so when they get on the bus, they have to take a test. As an Elder Board, we would like to find a week where we can provide a meal for a week or for a night. Chairman Dryer and Eric Poppinga volunteered to serve a meal one night at the Refuge.

Brent Detlaff gave a brief update in regards to the search for people for a task force to work on the DCE position and also what the duties of the task force may include.

Chairman Dryer asked for an update regarding the DCE position and Pastor Davis gave an update on the calling procedures, his conversation with District President Bertsch, and what it looks like in regards to the pursuit of a DCE. It was stated it would be a good idea to use all available resources...everything from the university, to the seminary, to those who have knowledge of people and programs. Pastor Davis stated he would be willing to go and interview people from outside the area. Pastor Davis stated the combination of three basic items within the budget will allow for the DCE position to be filled as a budgetary line item.

Pastor Davis addressed the confirmation situation, the second year class possibly being confirmed early issue, the new book, and the how the kids were to approach and feel about the class. Pastor Davis discussed what he felt was the need for a change in the grading approach. We discussed the memory work and the worksheets and the necessity of good parental guidance and help at home. Pastor Davis stated that he intended to have a parental meeting to listen to the parents' concerns and questions. There was some discussion about confirming the 2nd year class early, with the 3rd year class in 2019. There was much discussion regarding this point, however the overlying theme conveyed was to not rush the process; to not short change the kids' Christian education.

Pastor Davis provided a Cottage Meeting planning update and discussed some of the topics that the Transition Team was working on. Pastor Davis asked for help from the Elders for leading the new member classes to be held likely some time in January. Pastor Davis said we have a pretty good list of people who are interested in becoming members.

Pastor Davis brought up the need to clean up and update the roster. He stated that it's not only important but it's also a substantial job. Currently OSLC shows approximately 1,200 people on the roster but we only worship approximately 350 per Sunday. Pastor Davis said he would like the Elders to clean up the list and work with others on staff to get the job started sometime in the first part of 2019.

Chairman Dreyer called for a vote for a new Chairman. The vote was counted and Eric Poppinga was elected to be the Elder Board Chairman. Steve Carbno was selected to be the Vice Chair.

Ryan Schaan talked about the Horn Of Plenty and the need for help and guidance and prayer for the group. Lynn Nord discussed the need for people to deliver the items out to the people. Ryan also asked for volunteers to be there and guide the Horn of Plenty work to be done.

Chairman Dreyer and incoming Chairman Poppinga decided our next Board of Elders meeting would be held on Saturday, January 12.

Chairman Dreyer closed the meeting at and Pastor Davis closed us in prayer. 11:27am.

Respectfully and prayerfully submitted,

Eric L. Poppinga