

## **Board of Elders Meeting 1/12/2019**

Meeting called to order at 8:10 am.

All members present along with Pastor Davis.

Pastor shared a devotional from the Portals of Prayer and opened with a prayer.

Chairman Poppinga shared his gratitude for Nick Dreyer's leadership prior to him taking over. He gave the board a challenge that as an Elder, we have an effect on the congregation and all things that come before the board need the question "does this bring honor to Christ". He also thanked the Elders for their commitment to the position they have been entrusted to by the congregation. He reminded them to do what is right and to lead with fairness and not get into taking sides in an issue. Additionally, he reminded the Elders that some of the topics shared are done so in confidentiality and issues discussed should remain in the room and not shared with others until the proper time.

Pastor Davis spoke about the visitation team and the importance of filling out the visitation sheet. This is not only so it can be placed in the record, but to make sure no one is left unvisited. He also reported on the transition team. They are looking at the Vision and Mission Statements. He stated that these should be made more available to the congregation. They are also working to bring Tammy from the District Office to share the demographics of Minot to assist with future planning. He said he would like this done before Lent. He shared that he will be travelling to Arizona the 20 – 24 of February to attend a "Best Practices" Seminar. This will assist with Leadership and church growth. He also plans for 5 days off after Easter. He also discussed the stipend we give visiting pastors. At this time we are giving \$100 to fill the pulpit. He stated that the norm is \$250 plus mileage for 3 services. This will be taken to the Governing Board with the request that Pastor Brandvold is awarded retroactive pay for December. The Board of Elders officially moved and voted on this new Pulpit call rate, moved by Steve Carbno, second by Wayne Johnson, passed to bring up at the Governing Board.

Nick Dreyer stated that he has been in contact with Lutherans for Life to supply a speaker for the Men's Bible Study. He stated that they won't have anyone available until February. He will stay in contact with them. January 20 is Life Sunday and we will be taking an offering for Dakota Hope Clinic via a table in the Fellowship Hall. Nick also reported on our involvement with the Men's Winter Refuge. He stated that OSLC provide meals for 5 nights and hoped that this ministry could grow to meet more needs. He was impressed how organized the operation is and that it is solely supported by grants and donations.

The Board discussed the timing of their meetings and how it creates a problem attending Bible study with the other men on Saturday mornings. It was decided that they will meet at 10 am after the bible study.

Jim gave a brief report on the safety team progress and stated that there were a few issues that he needed to clear up and then would start putting together some parameters for someone wishing to be a part of this group. He will be presenting to the Governing Board at their next meeting. He reported that at this time there is no policy within the District. Pastor Davis said that there are more and more churches that have formed safety teams in the recent past and expect it will continue to grow.

It was decided to cancel the member call night set for January 22 and start to focus on cleaning up the roster to get a true picture of our membership.

The "Who We Are" document was discussed in great detail. After much discussion it was decided that our suggestions would be forwarded to the Governing Board with more discussion to follow.

There was a request from a congregant about the possibility of more than one communion service for the Contemporary service. It was discussed maybe 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday to offer more opportunities to the congregation. We also discussed “close” vs. “closed” with the possibility of placing the communion questions on the worship screen prior to communing.

Lynn Nord discussed the S-Team. He stated that the new lighting was installed with no problems and stated that the cost savings will pay for them in 2 years. He had a couple of small projects on the list but really hasn't heard much from anyone. He shared that there was some damage to one of the backhouses with some siding being blown off. This will be repaired before the units are move off the property. He stated that there is a need for people to help Lloyd pack up for his move. This will take place Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>.

Steve Carbno reported that the congregation has been very supportive of the Mercy Care ministry and we have been able to help people in crisis. He stated that it is such a blessing to see how Christ can work through us to make change in people's lives.

As mentioned before, the Elders will put a plan in place to clean up the membership roster.

The Elders will be doing Ministry Moments in the future dealing with daily Scriptures and the Mercy Care Ministry.

The Elders set Feb 16<sup>th</sup> tentatively for their next meeting following Bible study at 10am

Eric led a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 12:33 p.m.