

## **Council of Elders March 2019 Meeting Summary**

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Departing elders - Scott Bolinder, Tammy Friesen, Katie Silvernale, and Mike Smith (in absentia) - offered their reflections to elder board.

Pastor Andrew presented the Treasurer's Report in Marc Kole's absence.

- Total unrestricted gifts ("general or operating fund") for February 2019 is approximately \$92,400, or \$3,000 below budgeted levels, and almost \$4,000 greater than 2018. February has historically been one of the lowest months for receipts. Total unrestricted giving for the first two months of 2019 is \$217,000, or \$26,500 above budget and \$30,500 above what was realized in 2018.
- Operating expenses for the two months of the year totaled \$171,000, or \$21,000 less than budget, with most spend categories having a positive variance for the period. Student Ministry spend is over budget due to the summer trips deposit made in February.
- Cash available for operating purposes stands at \$250,500 as of February 28, an increase of \$7,000 since the end of January, and \$70,000 from the end of 2018, due to the strong financial results for the first two months and the collection of gifts receivable which had been outstanding at the end of December. Cash available for operating purposes was \$163,000 as of February 28, 2018.
- Gifts restricted for the building project totaled \$50,000 for the month, and \$3,307,000 campaign-to-date. Costs related to the building project were approx. \$464,000 during January and February, with total costs of the project of approx. \$3,640,000 million. Total building project cash is \$124,000 as of February 28, which does not include \$47,500 held at NCP. The construction loan has a balance of \$162,000 as of month end.
- Attendance during February averaged 556 per Sunday, a decline of 5% from January (584) and an increase of 2% from February 2018 (546). Giving Units for the first two months of 2019 declined 4% from January and February 2018, while amount contributed per Giving Unit increased significantly over 2018 as a result of the amounts received during January.

Chuck Hahn explained the situation with the Langham Partnership, an organization supported in the International Mission Team budget. Elders redesignated \$3,750 of Property Reserve as an immediate contribution to Langham Partnership. This comes out of the International Mission Team's intent to restore the spending at the end of 2018 that was not realized by an honest mistake. This redesignation attempts to adjust the spending as if the restoration had happened.

Elders were elected to the following roles:

- Chair: Suzanne Lieuwen
- Vice Chair: Doug Josephson
- Secretary: Gail Mortenson

Pastor Andrew gave an update on the Always Making Room construction. It is incredible that the schedule has not slipped. We are one month away from occupancy! The project is probably going to come in slightly under budget. The Community Open House marketing has begun for the May 4 event to invite our community into our new space and get them thinking how it might be beneficial to them. We will dedicate the Community Center on May 5.

A revised building use policy was reviewed by the elders. A final policy will come for approval in April. This will help groups looking to use the Community Center know how and for what the building can be used.