

Elders Meeting's Minutes

The Elders of The First Christian Church of Effingham met on **Tuesday, August, 7th, 2018 at 6:30 PM**. Those in attendance were Pastor David McConnell, Pastor Martin Reyes, Delaine Donaldson, Don Thoele, and Dennis Bushue.

The meeting was opened with prayer for the congregation and for a productive meeting, followed by a devotional. The Treasurer's Report and the Financial Secretary's Report were reviewed and approved.

During the meeting, the following points were discussed:

1. We discussed ways to make it clearer to people our budget and the Faith Promise. One way it we could make it simpler would be to change our fiscal end of the year to match with the Faith Promise. This issue was tabled until we gather more information from Heather Wolke about what would be the ramifications of moving our fiscal end of the year.
2. We discussed the wall capstone. The capstone is done and in our building. We are asking the Anniversary Committee to plan when the time capsule and the capstone will be put up.
3. We continue to discuss how to better address the security concerns of some of our members, specifically how to be better prepare in case of an active shooter situation. We are asking the Property Ministry to look into the possibility to change our glass doors and get quotes.
4. Pastor Dave informed us that the stained glass window has been repaired.
5. We discussed the possibility of removing the sanctuary's projector and installing TVs/monitors in order to be able to appreciate the stained glass window and to have a better way to see what it is been projected during Sunday services. We are asking KTD for a quote to have a better idea if we want to consider this option.
6. Faith Promise Rally update: The Faith Promise Rally will be held again with a weeklong of activities, from October 14th to the 21st. Andrew Bloemker has agreed to be our speaker on the opening Sunday. Our theme this year is

Make a Difference and the main verse is 1 Peter 4:10. We have sent letters inviting our missionaries to attend and we are starting to receive responses.

7. In regards with the organist, we decided to look for a new organist first by asking people we know to refer us to possible replacements.
8. We discussed ways that we can better lead people in worship, like reminding them when the service starts and to turn off their cell phones, as well as to help them meditate during certain parts of the worship service.

During the meeting, the following decisions were made:

1. It was decided that the balance of the donations given for students to go to Oil Belt a second time was set apart for the same reason for next year's camp season. Motioned by Don Thoele and seconded by Martin Reyes.
2. It was decided to move September's Elders meeting to Monday, September 10th @6:30PM, and October's Elder's meeting to Monday, October 1st @6:30PM.
3. It was decided to replace all the paper towel dispensers since they are inexpensive and the cost of the paper for these dispensers is less than the one we currently use. Motioned by Martin Reyes and seconded by Don Thoele.
4. It was decided to approve an international mission trip in the summer of 2019, letting Pastor Martin come up with the details and keep the elders up to date on those details.
5. It was decided to look for softer communion bread. (No vote was taken).

The meeting was closed with prayer. Next Elders Meeting will be held on 08/07/18 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

The Elders of First Christian Church of Effingham