

Elders Meeting's Minutes

The Elders of The First Christian Church of Effingham met on **Monday, October, 1st, 2018 at 6:30 PM**. Those in attendance were Pastor David McConnell, Pastor Martin Reyes, Delaine Donaldson, and Don Thoele.

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. A monthly financial summary report format was reviewed, and it was approved for use and publication. A monthly report will be published using the approved Treasurer's reports.
2. The church office was asked to produce an expense summary of the stained glass windows' repairs.
3. In order to find out if the new lighting yields any savings, the church office was asked to produce an expense summary of our electric bills since January 2017.
4. A discussion about how to help our members to better engage during our Sunday worship was continued. It was proposed to make a list of songs for the worship leaders to choose from, so that our congregation can sing the songs in the list more often, learn the songs, and become familiar with them.
5. A discussion about how to engage our community was started. Different ideas were proposed; for example, a church movie night, a Christian village, among others.
6. A discussion about how to grow a sense of community within the church was started. Different ideas were proposed. Pastor Martin will start organizing a monthly men's gathering event (instead of quarterly).
7. The property ministry continues to work on fixing the overflow divider. It has been hard to find the proper springs since it appears that they have been discontinued.

8. The mission ministry reported that the church is ready for the upcoming Faith Promise Rally, and that we are expecting a great participation from our missionaries.
9. The church continues to look for a new organist and to ask for recommendations. A discussion was started about reviewing the job description and qualifications for the organist position.
10. The Elders were informed that Pastor Dave and Pastor Martin talked to the youth about the importance of participating in Sunday's worship. Pastor Martin also shared that they were informed that the youth is not to "hang out" in empty rooms, but that for their security, they should either participate on worship service or to use the Bebee Hall to wait for their parents while they are at Sunday worship.

During the meeting, the following decisions were voted on:

1. No votes were taken.

The meeting was closed with prayer. Next Elders Meeting will be held on 11/06/18 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

The Elders of First Christian Church of Effingham