

LANCASTER EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Elder Board Meeting Summary

October 24, 2023

Attendees: Dave Cox, Todd Andrews, Tony Hunt, Tom Daly, , Phil True, Joel Lingenfelter, Corey Mitchell, DJ Weaver, Chip Mershon, Gary Hoover , Ed Scheuerman

Absent: Tyler Ranck

I. Opening Items

- Tom called the business meeting to order at 7:06 pm and the elders shared in a brief time of prayer with a focus on pioneers and multiplication
- The minutes for September 19 were approved with no objections or additions.

II. Shepherding the Flock

- Stories and Updates on elder retreat focus areas
 - Distinctives Team – DJ reports that this team is planning on having their first meeting in early November. The team is excited about moving forward.
 - Schedule ABF visits 11/05 and 11/12 – many elders are available for all services and Tom will send out schedule
 - Teaching Hospital stories: Joel and Danielle have already presented together for a group of church leaders and that went very well. Ed shared how he is building discipling relationships and this has been very encouraging. Tony shared how young men he has invested in are growing and seriously pursuing their role in the Kingdom of God.
 - TC networking stories: Phil reported that LEFC staff and volunteers were very welcoming and supportive during the EFC Conference last week. Many attendees shared that they felt very cared for and refreshed by the time they spent at the conference.
 - Plans to visit Southeast Asia: Ed and Carol are leading a group of LBC students to Thailand in the spring. Leaders from Vietnam church will be at LEFC the weekend of November 12th.
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III. Church Administration:

- Update on parking lot needs: Rough estimates for increased parking and for drawing up an expansion have been pursued. Discussion was held as to a timeline for asking for congregational approval and start of giving. The desire is to have this work done in 2024.
- Congregational Meeting motion: The Elder board makes a motion to approve the raising of \$1 million towards expansion of parking lot, with additional funds to be used to begin planning for facility expansion. The commitment has been expressed that we do not want to incur more debt for this more immediate work. There is agreement that work will move forward as plans are approved. When giving members may address giving envelope marking “Creating Space and Expecting Harvest”. We desire to remain transparent before the congregation and move forward with casting vision for any future expansion. Currently between 10 and 20 parking spaces are available on any given Sunday. A motion was made and seconded to vote on approving the above expansion motion. **All approved the motion without objection.**
- Review tentative Congregational meeting agenda

IV. Miscellaneous / Closing

- Next Meeting will be at LEFC Conference room November 7 at 7:00 pm.
- DJ volunteered to cover baptism on November 5 for Josiah Clark and possibly two others.
- Chip shared briefly about his time in India and how God is building His Kingdom there. Many new churches have been built and many believers have been baptized and are being discipled. Continue to pray for the believers in India as they face persecution.

The meeting closed in a time of prayer at 8:20 pm.