

LANCASTER EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
Elder Board Meeting Summary
December 05, 2023

Attendees: Dave Cox, Todd Andrews, Tony Hunt, Tom Daly, Joel Lingenfelter, DJ Weaver, Chip Mershon, , Ed Scheuerman, Tyler Ranck, Corey Mitchell

Absent: Gary Hoover, Phil True

I. Opening Items

- This was an elder home meeting which was at Tony's home.
- Tom called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Randy Hunt joined the elders for this meeting
- The minutes for November 7 were approved with additional information being added to the section discussing the Review of Wedding Commissioning Application.

II. QUESTION FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING

- What is your kingdom cause? At what moments do you feel the Spirit moving in you most powerfully? The elders shared their personal vision, passion or cause where they especially sense God's working in their lives and using them. Answers included: investing in different aspects of the Church, empowering others to draw closer to God, working with soon to be or recently married couples, seeing God work in marriages and revitalizing relationships, when I experience God speaking through me, especially when the Holy Spirit brings thoughts and words to me that I was not thinking about, teaching God's word, being involved in peace-making or bridge building opportunities, ministering to others to bring physical, emotional and spiritual healing as well as being used to help train others to do the same, helping those who don't know God to come to a place of belief and helping believers live a life worthy of their calling, being a strategic leader who helps to lead others and to keep them focused and working together, making people feel included and valued by bringing them into our home.

III. Shepherding the Flock

- Immanuel Evangelical Free Church:
 - In-depth discussion was held to continue to discern God's leading in ways LEFC may be able to support IEFC.
 - This discussion was closed in a period of prayer.

IV. Staff and Elders:

- Matt Sowada elder meeting participation:
 - Discussion on asking Matt Sowada to join elder meetings and affirm what that might look like. The board made the recommendation that a standing invitation be given to Matt to attend elder meetings and the retreat with no formal elder duties being added to his responsibilities.

- DJ shared that \$50,000 in capital donations has been raised thus far towards Parking lot expansion.

V. Miscellaneous / Closing

- Tom asked that each elder pray through and communicate their intent concerning their commitment for the next elder cycle by December 29.
- Elder Assessment Kickoff – Tom will be in touch
- Finish Christmas card signing
- Next Meeting tentatively planned at **IEFC January 2 at 6:45 pm** for possible tour of the campus and meeting of IEFC elders, with **regular start time of 7:00pm**

The meeting closed in a time of prayer at 9:28 pm.