

LANCASTER EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
Elder Board Meeting Summary
January 02, 2024

Attendees: Dave Cox, Todd Andrews, Tony Hunt, Tom Daly, Joel Lingenfelter, DJ Weaver, Chip Mershon, Tyler Ranck, Corey Mitchell, Gary Hoover, Phil True, Matt Sowada

Absent: Ed Scheuerman

I. Opening Items

- This was a regular business meeting that was held at IEFC in Yorkana, Pa
- The elders met at 6:45 and an IEFC elder led the elders on a tour of IEFC until 7:15 pm. Tom called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.
- The minutes for December 5 were approved with no additions.

II. Church Administration:

- Global Partner application: Bob Travis attended the meeting to share about Nathan and Charity Engelhardts . Bob shared how both have a clear love for the Lord and have faithfully served Him and that the Mobilization team also affirms their call to missions. Chip made a motion and Dave seconded that we approve the Engelhardts as missionaries. The Motion was approved without objection.
- Brief Update on Parking Project: DJ reported that we currently have \$375,000 to date for this work. Joel continues to pursue all options to make the most of any parking lot expansion. Our average Sunday attendance continues to be around 1200 almost every week. We have been increasing by 20+% in attendance throughout 2023.
- Discerning next steps with IEFC:
On November 2nd, 2021, the elders discussed “church multiplication concepts” and left that session committed to praying regularly for a revitalization opportunity. With the IEFC opportunity now before us, the discussion shifted to practical and specific possible next steps. The elder board desires to further discern which options are, and which ones are not, the right direction for LEFC, led by the Spirit and the Word.
- Update on Guiding Principles: DJ shared that the team has been wrestling and praying through how to make a helpful, usable document (grid) that clearly outlines, “Who is LEFC uniquely? and How do we make decisions?”

III. Elders and Staff

- Commitments for Next Cycle: Due to nominating committee process Tom needs to know ASAP if you are planning on continuing to serve for the next cycle.

IV. Miscellaneous / Closing

- Pray specifically for God to direct how He wants LEFC to proceed with support for IEFC.
- Next Meeting January 16th at 6pm

The meeting closed in a time of prayer at 9:37 pm.