

## March 2018 Council of Elders Summary

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Department leaders joined elders for dinner and shared a summary of their ministry areas.

Outgoing elder Greg Longworth told the story of blind Bartimaeus encountering Jesus and receiving his sight. He told it in the slow, reflective, wonder-encouraging style of Children in Worship that our four-year-olds through first-graders are used to.

Elders elected the following officers for the year:

- Chair: Scott Bolinder
- Vice-Chair: Suzanne Lieuwen
- Secretary: Katie Silvernale

Elders honored the request of the following members to be removed from the roster - Lisa Vallier, Gary Nelson & Judy Myers-Nelson, Kaitlyn Spaudie. Elder Tammy Friesen prayed for these friends.

Pastor Andrew presented Treasurer Marc Kole's report in his absence. Unrestricted giving is 10% below the budgeted level. Expenses are well controlled and made more favorable by some delayed spending.

Pastor Rob presented his report on being a church of generations rather than a church with generations.

Elders discussed the Annual Meeting. We heard the opinions around the sale of the lots and the lack of urgency regarding their sale or not. Elders reiterated what was shared at the annual meeting - that the congregation would be informed and involved before any action would be taken.

Elder Mike Smith reported from the building committee that the bid packages are about to go out to sub-contractors. Bids will be selected in April and construction will begin in May. Groundbreaking is April 22.

Pastor Rob shared about three initiatives related to congregational vitality:

- Organic outreach - Luis Palau CityFest
- People to people - connect cards, greeting visitors at worship
- Intergenerational church - Growing Young, a result of a research-based framework