

## **Gateway Community Church - Governing Council Report**

September 2025

The Governing Council met on September 3rd for our monthly meeting and the first meeting of the new ministry season. Elder Phil VanLaar opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. We are thankful to Casey Pruim for his 3 years of service and we welcomed Bryan Kornelius. If you are ever wondering who the Elders of Gateway are, you can find them on the website by hovering over the 'START' tab at the top, and then clicking on 'ELDERS'.

The Elders then spent time reviewing the plans of the 75th anniversary team. We are thankful for all their work as they move into the final month of preparations. Please make sure to remember the Evening of October 4th for the celebration event, and then the worship service on October 5th.

The infrastructure task force also completed their detailed report regarding the key components of the buildings, the estimated life expectancy, estimated costs to replace and funding models. We were joined by Sam Vanderveen, and Sam and Phil VanLaar went through the detailed report. The team's work is exceptional, and it will be a great tool for Gateway to use for years to come to be able to be fiscally responsible as we steward our beautiful campus. We plan to present this report at a future congregational meeting.

Time was spent discussing our staffing changes, and we are thankful for Josh Chamberlain, stepping in as a temporary part time youth director. We are also thankful for the outpouring of volunteers! The team is ready to launch Edge and Summit and all our other ministries in a few short weeks.

Pastor Justin then led us through his Lead Pastor report as he does each month, touching on various areas of his work, and seeking wisdom and consultation from the Elders. This included staffing, ministries, the extreme weather shelter and other areas of his ministry here at Gateway.

We continue to pray that we will be able to eliminate the remaining \$452,000 of Debt that we have. The goal has been to achieve this by our anniversary, which is just a month away. Please prayerfully consider if you would be able to contribute.

The Elders closed in prayer at 9:15pm. Our Next meeting will be October 1.

On Behalf of the Elders:

Matt Tinsley: Governing Council Chairperson