

# ELDER'S UPDATE

June  
2019

Thrive Spiritually • Build Community • Reach the Lost

## Message from the Chair

Greetings from the Board of Elders to all who call Spruce Grove Alliance Church “home”. Family are there to support and care for each other. One of the key disciplines of the Board is to “protect”. We can only do this if there is unity between its members and the staff. I am thankful and delighted to report that I sense this unity at our meetings and every time I walk into the church office. It was a delight to have staff and elders and spouses over at our place recently for a fellowship evening. The key or basis for this unity is our relationship with Jesus who seeks to give us all the abundant life that he has promised. That is why we are passionate to know and make known His teaching and hear His spirit speak to us in prayer.

The other key discipline of a Board is to “direct”. I was most encouraged to see so many volunteer leaders at the volunteer appreciation evening. This can only happen when we unite for a compelling purpose, “to make disciples”. We need to make sure our people know our “compelling vision” and how they can be a vital part of a team that makes this happen. Each one of us can encourage another person along the way. We individually and corporately want to promote Jesus every day in our community and beyond. Let’s not forget that Jesus said, “By this all shall know that you are my disciples, that you love one another.” John 13:35

Henry Banman,  
Board Chair



## Staffing Update

We are pleased to welcome Pastor Joel and Lolet Marquez to our staff and fellowship. Joel will be serving as the Pastor of Local and Global Outreach and Men's Ministry. Joel and Lolet have a passion to 'make Jesus famous', and to help others learn how to do so.



While we rejoice in welcoming new staff, we are saddened to say goodbye to others. Joyce Neufeld has resigned from her position as Finance Administrator after serving for 16 years. Janet Sawatzky has served in Children's and Youth ministry for almost 11 years and has decided to accept a position as Family Ministry Director at New Life Community Church in Stony Plain. We pray for Janet and Joyce to be blessed as they move into the next stage of life that God has called them.



## Future Development Update

**Cash on Hand as of June 25, 2019** (as per Alliance District guidelines)

Total cash on hand - \$1,821,513.00

Gifts in Kind - \$95,000.00

Expenses paid - \$89,811.00

**TOTAL Cash On Hand** - \$2,006,324.00

Yay! Thank you for your support to this point. We have achieved the first 1/3 of the full \$6,000,000 in cash. It was great to celebrate together!

### New/Renewed 3-year pledges

We have received a total of 56 pledges with an amount of \$687,590.00. We are asking that if you haven't already, please prayerfully consider how you can partner with the Future Development of SGAC through a commitment over the next three years and drop off your pledge form in the Future Development display or fill it out on the website at <https://www.sgac.net/phase1>. If you have been participating with future development with a pledge from 2 years ago and are planning to continue for a renewed 3-year pledge, we ask that you fill out a new pledge form so the Future Development team is aware of your intentions. Thank you to those who have returned new/renewed pledge forms. It is appreciated.



## Phase 1 Construction Site Grading and Utility Services Upgrade June 13, 2019

Construction has begun!

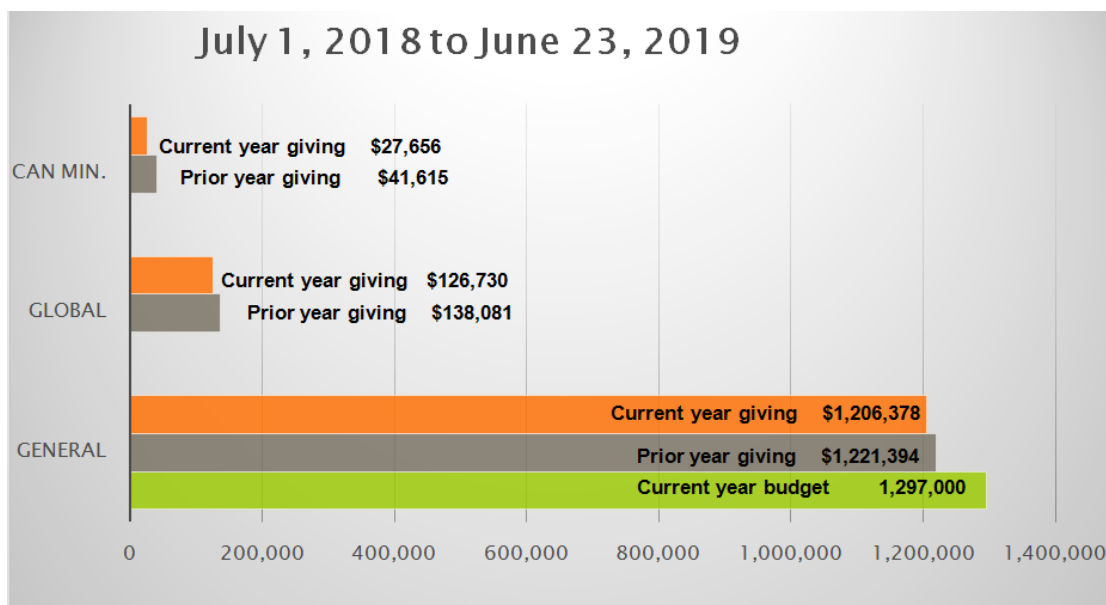
While there may not be much evidence yet of changes, work has begun on the site grading and services work. Over the past several weeks we have had a few additions to our site; a project office for our Project Manager, a garbage bin for construction refuse, and a storage container (sea can) for storing of project related materials and equipment as well as a temporary home for displaced furnishings. There has also been some actual work done. Every good project begins with demolition. In the past week walls have been removed in the gymnasium storage room and water piping installed.

Going forward, the pace of construction work will accelerate and starting at the end of the month we will be seeing dirt move.

Time to go underground. Utility upgrade work has begun and you will start to see more action in and around our parking lot for the next few months. Pray for the weather to cooperate and work to go smoothly and safely.

## SGAC Giving Update

Thank you for your continued giving to SGAC enabling us to reach the lost in our community and beyond. The following provides a snapshot of your giving from the beginning of our fiscal year July 1, 2018 to June 23, 2019. As you can see each category is down from last year. Given the Alberta economy and the challenges many are facing this is not surprising, however as we close out our fiscal year end on June 30, 2019 if you are able to assist in any of these areas it would be much appreciated. We trust this information will help you as you consider your giving. May God richly bless you as you continue to be faithful to Him.





## Right Now Media

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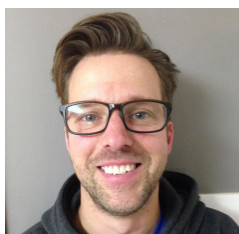
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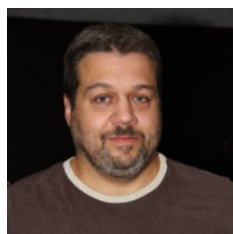
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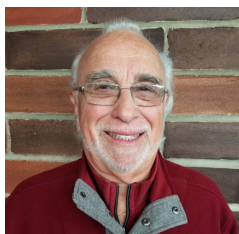
John Olsen



Anthony Toornstra



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Fred Zelensky



Jim Bouchie

### SGAC Elder's Highlight - Tim Wiebe

Tim has been married to Julie for 21 years. They have 3 beautiful children; Isabelle (17), Max (14) and Emily (13). Tim started attending the church when he was in high school back in the last millennium. He is a full-time missionary with Hockey Ministries International spending most of his time coordinating Bible based chapel programs and Christian summer hockey camps. Besides hockey he enjoys many other sports, hiking, and doing basically anything with his family. The two things that excite him about SGAC right now are the youth ministry and the Future Development Campaign.

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The Elders of SGAC want to keep the lines of communication open and clear with our attendees. This newsletter is not designed to be comprehensive, but rather, to provide an overview of some things that have been happening at the board level since our last newsletter (Mar. 2019). If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to one of our Elders in person or by email at [chair@sgac.net](mailto:chair@sgac.net). It is our goal to serve with integrity and transparency.