

**Roseau Evangelical Covenant Church**

**Leadership Council Meeting Minutes**

**March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER:** **Tony Fichter, Leadership Council Chair**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** **Tony Fichter, Pastor Nate Johnson, Chris Shortreed, Sonya Peterson, Todd Peterson, Kelly Christianson, Randy Prachar, Steve Huglen**

**SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER:** **Randy Prachar**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **Steve Huglen, LC Secretary**

- Review of proposed Minutes from congregational meeting
- Approved unanimously

**TONY FICHTER – LC Chair**

- Tony discussed the following topics:
  - Congregational Tithing
    - Pastor Nate suggested some ideas such as:
      - Preaching a series or incorporating giving into preaching
      - Multi-media
      - Have Traci highlight where the money we give goes during announcements
      - Small group or class dealing with the importance of giving
      - Adding physical boxes in the lobby for giving
      - We want giving to be a discipleship issue and focus on what does God want to do with my money? And not just a business decision.
      - Kelly Christianson suggested that some resources for children should be developed
  - Nominating Committee
    - Would like to have nominees secured for April meeting to increase Deacon board from 6-8
    - Working on a succession plan for Kelly who previously announced he'd serve one more year as Trustee Board Chair
  - Building Committee
    - Has met and will be taking a walking tour of the facility.
  - RECC Bluewater Registration
    - The effort is being put out by our church to increase our numbers in various ways.
  - Constitution & Bylaw updates
    - Tony asked LC committee to read through and make notes
    - Further discussion next meeting

**PASTORAL UPDATE: Pastor Nate Johnson**

- Pastor Nate raised discussion about whether we need as many committees as we do.
  - o Discussion ensued
- New Membership Class
  - o Not as well attended as anticipated but it is going well
- Easter weekend
  - o Hymns of the cross
  - o Good Friday – interactive prayer service
  - o Easter Egg hunt before church and youth group coffee bar
  - o Easter Breakfast and activities
- Confirmation is coming up on May 17th
- Encouragement to pray for more people helping with children's ministry and children's church specifically

**YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE: Chris Shortreed, Director of Youth Ministry**

- Ski trip went well and involved 60 kids among three churches
- Micah Ruud was at youth group on March 5<sup>th</sup> and that went well
- Asked by Ministerial Association to speak at the Baccalaureate program but he hasn't heard yet from the students.
- Feed My Starving Children coming up on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Todd Peterson, Treasurer**

- Todd handed out YTD spreadsheet
- March was a bounce back month
- Staff compensation issue discussed at prior meeting resolved and it was an accounting issue
- Raised \$7,200 for Feed My Starving Children
- We are on track for giving per budget again

**TRUSTEE'S REPORT: Kelly Christianson, Trustee Board Chair**

- They had no meeting in February
- Kelly raised issue of new sign (or not) outside

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION BOARD REPORT: Tony for Rachel Krahm who was not present**

- Kids will be singing at Palm Sunday church

**MISSIONS AND OUTREACH BOARD: Sonya Peterson, Chair**

- 60 people signed up for Feed My Starving Children
- Notes that 160 backpacks are packed with food each week
  - o We are fundraising for that
- Baby Bottle Ministry is ongoing

**DEACON BOARD REPORT: Randy Prachar, Deacon Board Chair**

- Adult Sunday school is taken care of for the year
- Flower ministry
  - o Deacon board will be talking to Cindy Tangen as the point person
- Talked to the women's ministry group at last meeting and it was a great discussion
- Deacon/Deaconess discussion
  - o They are having discussions about adding to the board
- Importance of continued emphasis on the Bible and congregational prayer
- Prayer ministry does meet during the week on Wednesday's at 9:30 am led by Anne Stoe. Anyone is welcome.
- Board is looking at prayer time during Sunday mornings before church

**CLOSING:                   Tony Fichter and Pastor Nate**

- Recap of Easter, children's ministry, corporate prayer

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

- Sonya Peterson and seconded by Kelly Christianson