

Roseau Evangelical Covenant Church

Leadership Council Meeting Minutes

March 25th, 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 5th 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 12th.

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 Krahn 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