

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING
APRIL 7, 2025 7:00 PM
APRIL FOOLS' - PALM SUNDAY-GOOD FRIDAY-EASTER SUNDAY-EARTH DAY
Zoom Meeting ID <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81304336403>

Leadership in attendance: Joe Skaff, Jenny Van Blaricom, Deb Mainard, Lonnie Johnstone, Melody Roberson, Serena Barth, Lynn Camp

Guests: Michael Roberson, Linda Johnstone, Pam Slakey, Chuck and Sherry Bradley, Shirley Roberson

Welcome & Opening Prayer – Joe opened in prayer

Review & Approve Minutes for March 3, 2025: Deb motioned to approve the minutes from the 3/3/25 meeting. Jenny seconded. All approved.

Review & Approve Financial Report for March 2025:

Jenny noted that tithing in March was down, and that we should keep an eye on that.

Mel motioned to approve financial report for March 2025. Serena seconded, all approved.

Moment-for-Scripture – Lynn Camp. Lynn shared 1 Corinthians 12:28. Lynn chose this verse because he feels that “helps” is his spiritual gift, as he enjoys helping others get things done!

Old Business

- Vision Day Implementation Team Proposal results

-A survey went out on March 23rd regarding approving Michael Roberson to lead a Vision Day Implementation Team to address the four main “Mission Criticals” from the Vision Day (held on March 8th). 37 votes were received- 36 yes, 1 no.

- “Vision Day” Implementation-team update- **Michael Roberson**

-The team had its first meeting and put together a survey using the sheets from the Vision Day. The survey closed April 6th and had 29 responses with a lot of thoughtful commentary. They will be meeting again on 4/8 for an all-day workshop. They will go over the responses, and set up meetings for anyone who expressed interest in helping with the 4 areas identified on the survey. (The opportunity to join one or more of these conversations will be provided again, just in case someone missed the survey or changed their mind about wanting to participate in a particular area.)

- Building lease update – **Michael Roberson**

- Symons Properties offered us the ability to do a 1-year lease on the building with the option to renew another year after that with the same terms (\$3200/month). Lynn Camp made a motion that we ask the church family to vote to approve this offer from Symons Properties. Mel seconded. All approved. (This vote will be done electronically via survey).

-Liability Insurance update- **Lynn Camp**

-Lynn spoke with our insurance company and they were able to find us a new policy. This policy does not cover the use of inflatable rental equipment (the slides used for the 'Summer Splash' event), so we will need to set up a one-day special event coverage for that if we want to rent inflatable water slides again this year.

New Business

-The team that reads together, serves together: an idea – **Mel Roberson**

-Mel suggested that we read and discuss the book “The Whole Language” by Gregory Boyle as a Leadership Team and briefly discuss a chapter at a time at the meetings. She said that it might help us gain a greater understanding of folks that are coming to our church from different backgrounds. Joe asked for a vote on who would be interested in this idea. All approved.

Ministry Reports

Caregiving – **Lonnie Johnstone**: Nothing new to report.

Children & Youth – **Deb Mainard**: Children's ministry is in serious need for volunteers.

Church Operations – **Lynn Camp**: The kitchen and meeting areas aren't warming up at the same pace as the main room, so portable space heaters are being used to help warm those areas up in the mornings. Lynn is planning to do a workday with a team from the Refuge on the play structure. A discussion was also held about finding some kind of play equipment/swings for the smaller kids.

Congregational Liaison – **Serena Barth**: Serena followed up with a few folks who had questions/comments on the March 23rd “Vision Day Implementation Team” proposal.

Discipleship – **Joe Skaff**: The Daily Bread devotionals are going well. Joe thanked Shirley for helping him get those out there. Joe also noted that he is having a hard time getting folks to stay for the Spiritual Gifts class after church and asked for input on holding the class at a different day/time.

Finance & Stewardship – **Jenny Van Blaricom**: Jenny asked the leadership team to let her know if they are expecting any large expenses as she begins to work on budget projections for the rest of the year.

Outreach – **Melody Roberson**: The Closed for Service project at Foothill Pregnancy Center went well. The next project is at WATCH on April 28th in partnership with Love Tuolumne County. There will be a variety of indoor and outdoor things to do. The Outreach team is also collecting donations for “fro-yo” gift cards to be given to program participants as part of the project.

Worship – **Michael Roberson (reporting on behalf of Michelle Low)**: Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday are coming up and are expected to be special services in their own way. Easter Sunday's service will include the opportunity for baptism. The next teaching series will focus on “Context”- taking some of the Bible's most misused verses and helping folks see them in their original context. This series will go through May and June.

Future Meetings (7 PM via Zoom Meeting ID# 813 0433 6403)

-May 5, June 2 and July 7, 2025

Prayer For The Gathering – **Deb Mainard**