**Roseau Evangelical Covenant Church**

**Leadership Council Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 23rd, 2022 @5:00 P.M.**

**Present: Tony Fichter, Mary Huglen, Sarah Johnson, Todd Peterson, Chris Shortreed, Dave Anderson, Kelly Christianson, & Kelsey Didrikson**

**Absent: none**

**Call to Order:** Tony Fichter- Leadership Council Chair

**Devotional & Prayer:** Darrin Smedsmo- Deacon Chair

**Tony Fichter-Leadship Council Chair**

At the next PRC meeting, M&O meeting, CF meeting, Trustee meeting, and Deacon meeting, the chairperson should lead a discussion to find members of their committee who will be the representatives on the Bluewater, PRC, and Nominating Committees.

Tony gave us the 2022 LC & congregational meeting calendar. We decided we will start our meetings at 6:00 P.M. instead of 7:00 P.M. For quarterly meetings, we will encourage the youth to host fundraiser dinners before the meetings start.

The Pastoral Search Committee has been progressing forward in their process. They are down to 5 candidates, and will be further narrowing it down in the upcoming weeks.

Upcoming events: Rural Impact Leadership Conferences at Alexandria Covenant on March 19th, NWC annual meeting at Minnehaha Academy on April 29th and 30th, and Gather 2022 at Kansas City on June 23rd-25th. Traci and Tony Fichter, as well as Jason Stromstad will be delegates at the NWC annual meeting. There will be a new superintendent voted on at that meeting. Tony and Traci also would like to go to Gather 2022.

Marisa Shortreed, our new church administrative assistant, sent an email to Tony regarding church use for members vs. non-members. She would like clarity on how we handle these situations, and for expectations with cleaning after events, etc. We discussed and will look into our old policies. Then, we will update the current policy so it is clear and concise.

**Dave Anderson- LC Vice Chair & PRC Chair**

We have had one meeting so far, which was in January. We met with both Chris and Jason, and it went well. Nothing further to report.

**Todd Peterson- Treasurer**

February was a much better giving month than January. However, offerings are still below budget by about $7,000.00 through this week. We are still well below budget on the expenditure side due to salaries. We ended the year with about the same as we left it last year in the emergency fund and building fund.

**Mary Huglen- Missions & Outreach Board Chair**

At our last meeting we brainstormed what some of our goals would be for this year. March is food shelf month, so that will be our first project.

Tony suggested that it would be nice to highlight each of our missionaries at church from time to time to update our congregation.

Tony also asked about the fair tent. Mary said we will for sure have the potluck again this year. We would love to do the fair tent, but we will wait to see closer to the summer if that will work.

We also mentioned that ALL of the women's and men's ministries fall under the umbrella of the M&O board. Although, that doesn't mean that only M&O board members will be running or heading up all of these ministries and/or events. We would love to have participation from everyone!

**Darrin Smedsmo- Deacon Board Chair**

Men's and women's Bible studies are underway and going well. We encourage anyone who is not involved yet to start a Bible study, or to find an existing Bible study to be a part of.

We also just had a handful of people become members at our church recently.

**Kelsey Didrikson- Christian Formation Board Chair & Chris Shortreed- Youth Director**

Kelsey will be meeting with Rachel Krahn soon to officially hand over the reigns as board chair.

Chris said that there is a new 8th grade student who is coming to our youth group. Regarding Sunday School, the middle school is still doing the Gospel Project. Things are going well, and Chris looks forward to keep connecting with the students. He would appreciate prayer for him to better reach students.

Tony brought up to Chris the idea of getting the Roseau Area Youth Leaders group back together. We all think that would be very beneficial, and Chris said that he would love to be active in helping resurrect that.

**Kelly Christianson- Trustee Board Chair**

At the annual meeting we approved replacing the older windows in the church for about $20,000.00, and to start replacing the old lights in both the sanctuary and the fellowship hall for about $15,000.00.

This winter we have been busy moving snow.

This past year we had good luck with the bus, so we will continue to use it as long as it's running well.

**Next Meeting: Leadership Council- Tuesday, March 29th, 2022 @6:00 P.M.**

**Closing Prayer: Darrin Smedsmo**

**Respectfully Submitted:**

**Sarah Johnson, Leadership Council Secretary**

**Tony Fichter, Leadership Council Chair**