Roseau Evangelical Covenant Church

Leadership Council Monthly Meeting

25 June 2019

Present: Dave Anderson, Kelly Christianson, Darrin Smedsmo, Todd Peterson, Sarah Johnson, Rachel Krahn, Tony Fichter, Kathy Brandt, Kecia Stroot, Steve Hoffer

Absent: None

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

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

**Kecia Stroot- Children & Family Pastor**

Kecia went over the 125th Anniversary plans. We are shooting for September 7-8th. She covered the tentative plans including: motorcycle ride, community dinner, bouncy houses, games for kids, band, worship, speaker, etc. The estimated budget is $1,500.00 at this point.

Motion to approve the $1,500.00 by Dave Anderson and Seconded by Kelly Christianson. Tony & Kathy voted against. Motion was carried.

**Sarah Johnson- Leadership Council Secretary Meeting Minutes Review**

Motion to accept by Darrin and seconded by Tony. Motion passed.

**Steve Hoffer- Senior Pastor Report**

Braden Stroot met with Steve regarding the music & worship committee.

The river baptism & picnic this year will be on August 21st this year.

Regarding the ECC Annual Meeting, last year there was around 500-600 delegates present, which set a record. This year there is over 900 planning on going so far. The main issue being discussed and voted on is human sexuality within the church.

Regarding Adventures in Leadership: our church policy is that we would only send people to this program that regularly attend our youth group. We have this policy in hopes they would come back and be able to invest what they learned into the youth programs in our church. This will be brought up at the congregational meeting in July so that it is communicated to everyone.

Steve will consider a role in men’s ministry.

Through July Steve will be preaching on the book of Philippians. Through August Steve will be speaking on what it means to be “The Church.” In September & October Steve will preach on our vision statement.

**Rachel Krahn- Christian Formation Board Chair Report**

Sunday School Survey: Rachel passed out information regarding the Sunday School survey that has recently been closed. She went over many comments & common themes that were found throughout the survey answers. Much discussion was had, and we decided that there needs to be a collaborative effort between the CF board and the pastoral staff to fix our issues with Sunday School. The Children & Family Pastor is also the Sunday School Superintendent. Therefore, she will be largely responsible for coming up with a plan and facilitating it.

Bluewater Update: There were campers who did not have bibles on their way to Bluewater. When that happened, Traci and Kecia gave them bibles from the stash of 2nd grade bibles. In the future, we would like to have a stash of bibles explicitly for this purpose. We will use money from the Bluewater budget to fund this.

Kecia will help lead music, and Brian will help as a 5th and 6th grade group leader at VBS.

**Kathy Brandt- Missions & Outreach Board Chair Report**

James Tang will be here this coming Sunday. There will be a church potluck after for his visit.

We will be helping Aaron Krahn and Troian Stroot with their mission’s trips. In August we will have a church potluck to help with donations for these two people. The official date is TBD.

**Todd Peterson- Treasurer Report**

We recently spent about $3,000.00 on the church bus. As usual, the giving has been down because of summer attendance being low.

**Kelly Christianson- Trustee Board Chair Report**

The Sunday School project is mostly done. The carpet layer and electricians will be here in the next week. The cabinets are picked out and the entire project should be done within a week or so. Also, we are below budget so far with this project.

We are missing some shingles on the roof of the church. This will be discussed at the next trustee meeting.

**Darrin Smedsmo- Deacon Board Chair Report**

There is still low attendance at the Wednesday prayer meetings. There are many ideas floating around to make this a priority for our church. These include: an entire day of prayer this fall, and having a platform to get out prayer requests so people can pray together, but at home.

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

No updates

**Tony Fichter- LC Chair Report**

Tony reiterated what was discussed last month regarding the role of the PRC.

**Next Meeting:** Congregational Meeting on Tuesday, July 30th, 2019

**Closing Prayer:** Pastor Steve

Respectfully Submitted,

Leadership Council Secretary, Sarah Johnson

Leadership Council Chair, Tony Fichter