Roseau Evangelical Covenant Church

Leadership Council Monthly Meeting

28 May 2019

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

Absent: Steve Hoffer (vacation)

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

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

**Meeting Minutes Review:** Sarah Johnson- Leadership Council Secretary. Motion to accept by Darrin Smedsmo and second by Kelly Christianson- Trustee Board Chair.

**Tony Fichter- Leadership Council Chair Report**

Tony passed out our SWOB Analysis results from our LC members. We each went through our individual analysis to better explain to the group our thoughts. A lot of discussion was had and clarity was sought. Tony passed out a SWOB Analysis results from the Pastoral Staff. We did not discuss these results at this time.

Next, we talked about the upcoming ECC Annual Meeting-Gather 2019. The official delegates going from our church are Tony Fichter, Steve Hoffer, and Traci Fichter. Kecia Stroot- Children & Family Pastor will be going to represent within the ministerial portion.

**Dave Anderson- Pastoral Relations Committee Chair Report**

Dave explained that the PRC Committee continues to meet quarterly. Dave expressed a concern that he would like to see more value and honesty within the PRC. There should be more substance to make needed change within our church and leadership. We may need to take another look at the handbook & what we think the role of the PRC should be regarding the ministerial staff, including Pastor Steve. Some questions to discuss are: Is the PRC more of a supportive role for the lead pastor, or do they do the performance reviews? Is it conflicting to do both?

**Todd Peterson- Treasurer Report**

Our giving is still well below the projected giving we set in our 2019 budget. Although, we are still in the black through today (May 28th) with our spending. One concern is that we need to figure out our heating issues. Our heating costs are high because we are on electric underfloor/baseboards & the system is both inefficient and not well understood.

**Kelly Christianson- Trustee Board Chair Report**

Kelly gave up a 2019 capital projects update. The “Sunday school wing project” is well underway. Dave Brinkman, who is the contactor on this project, will be looking at cabinet options this weekend for the room. There was an idea of having French doors put in, but it didn’t make sense within the budget.

In other news, at the annual meeting it was approved to spend $20,000 for a roughly 30’X50’ storage shed. Most options and bids come well above the $20,000 that we budgeted for this project. There are concerns if the storage shed would be worth the money, when the bus is getting old and not worth a ton of money. More discussion is needed on this issue.

**Darrin Smedsmo- Deacon Board Chair Report**

There are some new ideas regarding what is currently a Wednesday evening prayer. One idea is to change it to be more of an entire day a week during the fall set aside for praying. We would also like to see the Deacons going to people in distress to pray over them.

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

Now that the Easter egg hunt event and the Mexico mission trip fundraising is done, their next project to focus on will be the fair tent ministry.

Also, one of our supported missionaries, James Tang, will be at our congregation on June 30th to speak about his experience in South Sudan.

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

First, Rachel discussed the Sunday School Survey. There are three ways to access the survey. There is a link on the church website, a QR code in the bulletin, and paper copies. We want to encourage all church attenders to take this survey. The end date to turn in this survey will be publicized.

Next, Rachel filled us in on the Orange Conference that she and Kecia attended. Rachel said there was a lot of information given, but it really focused on interpersonal relationships. It also was highly directed to church staff. Another interesting point is that Orange is a multi-denominational curriculum. After the conference, Kecia and Rachel feel a much higher level of understanding of the curriculum. As a group we discussed that Kecia will need to give explicit direction to teachers and lay out the exact pieces for the teachers to teach for each Sunday school session. We will focus on the scripture portion of the lessons.

Lastly, a concern for the CF board is the Adventures in Leadership program. Every year we budget $900 to send two students to this wonderful event. However, there are not any students being sent this year. Pastor Steve will be contacted regarding the reason for this.

**Other Topics:**

Tony handed out a letter from Dave Brinkman regarding men’s ministry.

Dawn Kofstad is asking for $50 to support the Roseau Community Garden. Tony made a motion to release the funds for this purpose, and Kelly seconded it. (It was undecided where exactly the money for this would come from.)

Yvonne Wensloff is doing Financial Peace University and is asking for $250 for a projector and a screen. The money will come out of our AV & Technology Fund. We will involve Brandon Prothero and Yvonne Wensloff in picking it out. Tony made a motion to fund this request and Dave seconded.

Pastor Steve was wondering if there is a set budget for the 125th anniversary celebration. There is a planning meeting soon, and more discussion on the budget is needed.

The Roseau County Sherriff’s Dept. child safety and prevention education program is asking for a donation. We decided to pass on this request.

**Next Meeting:** June 25th

Respectfully Submitted,

Leadership Council Secretary, Sarah Johnson

Leadership Council Chair, Tony Fichter