Roseau Evangelical Covenant Church

Leadership Council Meeting

28 May 2020

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

Absent: None

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

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

**Dave Anderson- PRC Chair Report**

The fourth Tuesday of June is their next meeting. There are no further updates.

**Todd Peterson- Treasurer Report**

In May, the offerings were just under $29,000.00, and expenditures were about $19,000.00. Our offerings are a bit under budget, but so are the expenditures.

**Kelly Christianson- Trustee Chair Report**

We moved the construction company in yesterday and they have gotten started on the shingle project. The other two projects that are in the budget for the year are still on hold for now. We may start them in the fall. There will be a trustee meeting next week. They will be discussing what to do about the lawn mower storage shed. Right now it is falling apart, and the lawn mower barely fits.

**Darrin Smedsmo- Deacon Chair Report**

Ian Roadfelt passed away. Pastor Steve has been in contact with Gwynne.

Pastor Steve emailed out lists for people to call to check in on them: both LC members and deacons are partaking in this. The next deacon meeting is next Tuesday.

**Kathy Brandt- Missions and Outreach Chair Report**

There isn't anything new, as everything has been on hold due to the pandemic. We have gotten a few updates from our supported missionaries. As they come in, they are posted for everyone to see at the church.

**Rachel Krahn- CF Board Report**

For graduation, we will be creating a senior slideshow. There will also be some gifts for the seniors. Confirmation is set for June 14th. We decided as a CF board that we will not want to have a nursery staffed and kids in there for this first Sunday. Following this week, we plan on moving all the toys out of the nursery, so that parents can use the space if needed.

We have about 35 kids registered for the July/August camps at Bluewater. We will also be picking up kids from Baudette. Our Bluewtaer committee will be creating a safety protocol as we get closer to July. Bluewater has canceled all of the June camps. Rachel and Julie Smedsmo have been helping Kecia move her stuff out of her office, and get ready to transition the Sunday School roles. The CF board would like a recommendation from the LC if we should still do VBS this year. The LC recommends to go on with planning for VBS in August.

**Steve Hoffer- Senior Pastor Report**

There have been two rounds of communication about what the job should look like and what the possible job description would be for our new children/family/youth position(s). Eight people on the team have provided feedback so far. One consistency from the feedback is that people would like to see more emphasis on youth and children’s ministry, over family and marriage. We will need to have a streamlined plan for the future as far as who should be in charge of the various children & youth activities and ministries. These ministries include: VBS, Sunday School, youth events, Bluewater coordinating, etc. We plan on having a time to honor Kecia and to thank her this Sunday. One thing we are worried about is if we haven't found someone for the position by fall, we may have too much of a burden on our volunteers to keep our programs up and running.

Reopening plan: We first were thinking about having two services each Sunday. However, we aren't sure how many people will come. Pastor Steve came up with a propositional plan to have one shorter service (45 minutes), every other row taped off, we can only have 25% capacity, and there will be hand sanitizer readily available. One idea is to dismiss by row, and to encourage people to leave right away instead of lingering. We won't serve coffee or treats, we won't pass the offering plate, there won't be a bulletin, and the doors will be propped open. We will also encourage people who are at risk to stay at home.

Tony made a motion that as we gather for our church services starting this Sunday, we strongly encourage people to follow the MN dept. of health's guidelines and people will also be strongly encouraged to wear masks. We will leave the singing up to Pastor Steve's discretion.

Darrin Smedsmo seconded

Motion passed

Closing prayer: Steve Hoffer

Respectfully Submitted by,

Sarah Johnson, LC Secretary

Tony Fichter, LC Chair