

Core Team Minutes

July 25, 2016

Love God, uplift people, inspire hope, and grow disciples of Jesus Christ
in our community and everywhere we go.

Present: Ashley Elsner (& Abby Elsner), John Bauchle, Corinna Harris, Abby Kucera, Lynnette Dobberpuhl, Chad Gilbertson

Discussion

1. **Playground update:**

Conversation with trustees: John reports that he and Ashley have been meeting with trustees and discussing plans. Dan Stanley is preparing a bid for excavating which may reduce installation costs. By providing approx. With 15 able bodied volunteers for ground preparation we can also reduce costs. Some change was proposed to layout, moving the existing slide to the former tire swing area, then adding a tire swing to where the slide is for an additional \$1800 total (swing + ground cover). Still discussing the possibility of the installation of a wall and the trustee's estimate of a timeline for ground preparation. Will want to move the light pole to the side of the playground. Little Tikes village can move to the swing set area. Tether ball pole will need to move. More conversations are anticipated once we have some numbers for time and cost for wall and excavation.

Installation timeline: Once groundwork is done (waiting for pricing options) and equipment ordered it will be 4-6 weeks to installation. This will not likely be done by Rally Sunday, but reasonable to expect that it will be done by the end of September.

This improvement project is an investment in the future of congregational growth, the visibility of our church, and the safety of our community and neighborhood, and will be paid for from memorial and interest income accounts.

2. **New Volunteer Opportunity:** A suggested calendar for 3rd Wednesday activities is prepped, with the idea of forming a task team to help plan and run the events. This will be turned over to Karen and Otti.

3. **Volunteer Coordinator Position (nominations):**

Group discussed nomination possibilities for Otti's replacement as Karen takes the chair of Volunteer Coordinator. Chad will talk to Karen and Otti to get their input for the nominations.

4. **Violence and Racial Conflict/Law Enforcement Support Initiatives:** Last meeting, Chad shared bullet points about ways we as a congregation can work to bring peace to our community in an active way. Discussion included:

- Law enforcement is interested in finding ways to connect with residents outside of emergency calls. Invited them to Night to Unite.
- Invite law enforcement to send a police representative(s) to come to speak at a service on September 25 to give a short talk about community relations and visit

the Sunday schools and receive a blessing. Corinna will take ideas and help coordinate. Sunday school kids can make cards and pictures for the officers. Chad will ask if law enforcement have any needs for items to distribute.

- c. Calendar a thank you food gift for 3 months from now, they are receiving lots of food gifts at this time.
- d. Invite them to participate in chili cook off, if we do the community wide invitational in January.

5. Liaison Reports

- a. *CYF*- We have one parent willing to be involved with 6th-8th, unfortunately would lose her as a K-5th teacher, but have one new parent-youth volunteer pair for K-5th as well. Teacher meeting scheduled for August 15. There are between six and eight 6th-8th graders showing up for fellowship on Sunday nights. No one has confirmed they will attend the high school retreat, although a few families have expressed interest.
 - b. *Staff Parish*. Meeting Wednesday Aug. 3, Staff evaluations are in progress.
 - c. *Trustees*-Playground discussion as described above, continuing to move toward a quote for work on front steps/ramp.
 - d. *Missions*-FMSC was successful, still working out future plans.
 - e. *Marketing*- Night to Unite planning underway
 - f. *Operations* no reports, people seem to be working well and content with their tasks as they exist.
 - g. *Worship*: Adding a Public Safety Appreciation Day September 25th, no plans at this time for an outdoor summer worship.
6. **Community Need**: We want to consider offering our van to transport people on Sunday mornings from Keystone and Lakefront Plaza and possibly other locations. John Bauchle will ask Harold Jensen/Trustees to assess accessibility (not looking at replacing van with a handicap access, but improving with a sturdy step with rail or possibly a grab bar to help people get in.) Once the van is considered usable for people with some mobility challenges, we will determine the need. If there is a need for it, the next step would be to appeal for a driver.
7. **Healthy Church Initiative (HCI)**: There will be an informational meeting on this revitalization process on Tuesday, August 30, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Glendale United Methodist Church. This process is designed to help churches grow spiritually, numerically and in community impact. The "mission field" of unchurched and under churched people is large...what are we going to do about it? We were identified as a "high-potential church" because of our numbers, and Prior Lake's community profile of growing and prosperous. Half of the churches who have recently undergone the process have shown numerical growth already, but nearly all churches have experienced a positive impact in some way.
8. **Leadership Institute**: September 29-30 (Pre-Institute Sept. 28) Register by Sunday, August 7. Registration fee, lodging and accommodation will be paid for by the church. This is a great opportunity for anyone involved in the ministries of the church (so, pretty much anyone) to have their enthusiasm for ministry re-ignited. Talk to Chad or Lynnette ASAP if you are interested. More information is available at li.cor.org

9. **Pastor Comments and Closing Prayer:** Thank you for the work you have done and are doing. I am pleased and impressed with the way Core Team is leading and keeping things moving. It can be easy to get bogged down in summer months, but we keep going.

Next Meetings - Monday, August 8, 6:30 p.m. (Lori will be gone on the 8th)
Wednesday, August 24, 6:30 p.m.