

# Core Team Minutes

August 8, 2016

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

Present: Ashley Elsner, John Bauchle, Lynnette Dobberpuhl, Carol Ottoson, Chad Gilbertson

## Discussion

### 1. **Playground update:**

A large poster with an artist's rendition of the new playground is available.

*Conversation with trustees:* Dan Stanley's company bid \$7,167 on removing fence and swing set, drain tiling, grading the playlot etc. with some optional suggestions (not included in bid, will be done in-house.) Block to be used as a border would be about \$1,000 additionally (trenching done by Dan as a volunteer if it can wait until mid-late September.) Decided against salvaging the swing set as it would be about \$2-2,500 more and would be a difficult multiple person task. Bid for equipment plus our own installation gets us to \$42,000, with a current available amount of \$40,000 from the Miscellaneous Memorials and Interest Income funds. Agreed to go with Dan Stanley's bid with thanks for his offer of trenching.

*Communication:* The Core Team has worked with the Trustees and Finance to discern the feasibility and value of this project. We need some financial investment and hardworking volunteers from the congregation (sometime in September) to make this happen. A special offering and some fundraising activities will take place in September starting with "Rally Around the Playground."

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. **Night to Unite Feedback:** At least 86 people were present, with many families with young children excited to play in the bounce house and get their faces painted even after the fire truck and squad car left. Many expressed thanks and a willingness to return next year. One couple came to church the following Sunday and said they will be back.

### 3. **Public Safety Personnel Appreciation Sunday**

Corinna and Chad are working on a plan for September 23. If official people are able to come, they will, but are hesitant to commit to come to the service for a blessing and possibly to visit with Sunday school folks as they will likely be on duty and have to leave in case of a call.

### 4. **Liaison Reports**

- a. *Trustees*-Looking at removing the (out of code) concrete ramp and steps and replacing the steps and railings so they are safe and more aesthetic. Total bid is

\$13,230. The proposed amount wasn't originally budgeted however a similar amount of money has been budgeted for several years for roof repair and for security. Roof repair and security upgrade can be moved to 2017, since they are not likely to take place in 2016. Otti had recommended changing some shrubs and rock and doing some landscaping updates that might bring the total up to \$15-16,000. This work was approved to go forward, pending agreement with Trustees that other jobs are to remain on hold.

- b. *CYF*-registering for Sunday school and meeting with teachers next week. (*VIW* is acquiring banners to promote registration.)
- c. *SPRC*-working on staff evaluations

5. **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.

6. **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](http://li.cor.org)

Next Meetings - Wednesday, August 24, 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, September 6, 6:30 p.m.