

Core Team Minutes

April 24, 2017

Holy Trinity Vision: to love God, uplift people, inspire hope and grow disciples of Jesus Christ, here and everywhere we go.

Present: Sheila Posthumus, Rene Meyer, Abby Kucera, Carol Ottoson, Ashley Elsner, Jeff Erlandson (Finance Chair), Lynnette Dobberpuhl, Rev. Chad Gilbertson

Opening Prayer

Discussion

Finance

Jeff Erlandson, the new chair for Holy Trinity Finance was present to get acquainted and have a general conversation about Finance activities. Ashley Elsner is the Core Team liaison for Finance, which also include Kelly Loose, treasurer. Core team requests a monthly paper report updating the state of finances and an in-person meeting with Jeff/Kelly quarterly to be able to have good information for ministry leads, who will be updated on the status of the money in the budget allocated to their work.

Jeff was asked general questions about donations designated to specific work in the church and about fundraising considerations for future unmet needs. He advised the Core Team to align their annual budget requests and use of other resources with the vision of the church. He encouraged Core Team members and ministry leaders to contact him with questions at any time.

Bread Oven Ministry

Rene and Robin Kleffman attended a workshop this past weekend on the Bread Oven Ministry at White Bear Lake. That church uses outdoor wood fired bread ovens to make bread and pizzas for the community, as an outreach effort and a ministry to offer nurturing and sustenance to the neighborhood. It takes some calculation to discover the size of oven you need, what costs are involved, how many people need to be on board to make the ministry work (chop wood, prepare oven, prepare dough), and how to do community events with it. How much it costs depends on the size of oven wanted, which depends on how a church anticipates using it. No special skills needed.

If Holy Trinity were to consider this type of endeavor, it would need to be sustainable in terms of people and usage. Need to start with what is manageable, but the ministry needs to be bigger than getting an oven so we can do pizza parties for ourselves. For a large community event like White Bear Lake does, 50 people are needed to fulfill all the roles. Would want to have a plan to start with internal events to prepare for an outreach ministry.

Next steps for Holy Trinity would be to have a presentation from White Bear Lake leader Mike Faust to a group of ministry leaders in the church to see what our questions and unique considerations might be. After that, if it is agreed to go forward, a presentation to the larger church community could be made. Rene will contact Mike Faust to find a date for an initial presentation.

Building Update

Building accessibility study team Marlis Davis, Tina Taggart, Otti Castriotta, Dan Stanley, Jim Weninger and Pastor Chad have met. Dan knows an architect willing to do an accessibility study and give a verbal report to the team, tentatively scheduled on May 4 at 3:30. We will get a final report with options and costs to the congregation by November as hoped for.

Other items:

Trustees were looking at a recycling grant, but some of the larger items are tabled pending the building decisions. They are looking at a food composting and recycling bin situation. Rene and Otti will be having further conversations on this topic.

Next Meeting(s):

Liaison Reports due no later than Friday, May 5

Wednesday, May 17 at 5:45 p.m.

Rene' will announce upcoming meeting at 10:30 service