

Core Team Minutes

October 23, 2017

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

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

Opening Prayer

Discussion

Finance: Jeff has received quite a few budgets from ministry leaders, and believes some missing parts have been sent to Kelly. Jeff recommends that the Core Team review and formally approve the full itemized 2018 budget at an upcoming Core Team meeting and then communicate clearly and consistently to all people affected. Kelly, Jeff and Chad will be meeting this coming Sunday. Kelly and Jeff will work together to get a document prepped for the Core Team to look at, projected to be ready the first weekend of November, that the Core Team can approve at their November meeting.

Jeff and Chad are working on getting the right people connected with the proper bank accounts relevant to their work with the church. Many names on the accounts are out of date.

MAC has a list of controls that they recommend for different sized churches, and Jeff recommends that he, Kelly, and Chad look over them to see if there are any areas we need to update and that the Core Team be made aware of what those controls are and their purpose.

Bread Oven Ministry: The planning team will be meeting Thursday to talk about location, city codes, timeline and alerting the neighbors to our project. Their grant application for oven materials has passed through the first step of the process. The next White Bear Lake UMC bread oven event will be Saturday, Nov 4. The next team the group will recruit will be the Oven Building Team, and then the Bread Oven Event Team. Rene envisions that the church would do four excellent events per year, in order to keep expectations and demand on volunteers reasonable. Rene will be meeting with Patsy in Hospitality to talk about space sharing in the kitchen. Due to how the bread from the oven will be used, there are no concerns about needing to update the kitchen.

Garden: The garden team is in the process of expanding the area, with the intention to offer lots to people in the neighborhood with the agreement that people who use the garden space "tithe" a portion of their produce to go to the Food Shelf. These are opportunities to minister to the community and invite the community to experience and be a part of our ministry.

SPRT: Mary is stepping down from chair but will continue to serve on team. The new SPRT chair is TBD.

Trustees: Custodial company seems to be doing well, Otti is the one to contact as intermediary if there are questions or concerns.

Missions: Mike is stepping down as chair, new leader TBD

Marketing: Jane is stepping down, has sent in the budget, new leader TBD

CYF: Sunday school going well with numbers (preK-12th) avg with up to 26 attendees. The new high school group still getting on its feet. Youth group has had good numbers and many good opportunities but needs more adult leadership to flourish and be sustainable. The middle school retreat (Nov 3-5) has grown to 20 people attending (16 kids, four adults). Due to lack of response youth will not be able to lead a Thanksgiving eve service.

Certified Lay Minister/Speaker: Carol went to a meeting on A Way Forward (LGBTQ issues in the UMC) which was eye opening and decisions of what to propose are imminent. Four more nearby sessions in addition to the one at HTUMC (11:45 a.m. Sunday 10/29) will be held. The proposal, and special session of General Conference to vote on it in summer 2018 may affect whether the church remains whole, a very serious issue. Commission on A Way Forward which developed the proposal is made up of 32 people from around the world. We are asked to pray for the Way Forward process.

Russian Church (House of Grace) was approved to use the sanctuary and occasionally a meeting room, will be offering \$300/month to use church Sundays 1-3 and Thursdays 7-9pm.

Building Accessibility Study: Hasn't met, will be soon and will make recommendations and do Q&A sessions ahead of the congregational meeting when voting will occur.

Multiply Update: Job description for Worship Leader for Inspire worship has gone out, and starting to receive inquiries. SPRT mobilizing to conduct interviews with an intention of hiring before the year's end. More meetings are scheduled and congregation was invited in worship and in print documents to become involved. Chad has been working to schedule time with Randi and Dot to discuss more formally what the worship services will look like. Initial discussions show it may be most likely that traditional chancel choir will be only at the early service.

Nominations for Shared Ministry: Please submit more names for various ministry leadership positions. Consider and pray. Areas include but are not limited to: SPRT, Missions, Marketing, Core Team, Volunteer Coordinator, Communion Coordinator.

Annual Church Conference: We have asked our DS to hold a church conference at Holy Trinity to handle our extra business (accessibility) in addition to the regular annual obligations (membership reports, pastor compensation package, Lay Speaker renewal, approve ministry leadership). Typically held before the end of the year. First choice Nov 26, Dec 10, Dec 3.

Next Meeting(s):

Liaison Reports due no later than Friday, Nov 6

Next meeting 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 21