

Holy Trinity United Methodist Church

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

Core Team Meeting

May 2, 2019

Present: Mike Huss (Chair), Darla Bauchle, Sharon Saunders, Deanna Hawkins, Troy Banitt, Jeff Erlandson (Finance), Pastor Chad Gilbertson, Lynnette Dobberpuhl

Absent: Carol Ottoson, Collan Zehnder

- **Opening Prayer**

- **Old Agenda Items**

- **FISH update:** \$1138 was raised by the mission offering and the Baking for a Purpose bread sale. There are two people in Scott County that are being considered by a team (Tina Chant, Paula Green and Lynnette Dobberpuhl) for helping. The team is working out questions about accessing funds in a timely way, and ensuring funds are pulled from the correct line item.
- **Wesley Meal update:** A large number of volunteers (20+) came together and made 120 bag lunches in 1.5 hours, then seven went to Minneapolis the next day and passed out meals at the library, the subsidized apartments across from Wesley, and at Wesley UMC. Wesley has asked if we can do this again the Saturday before Memorial Day (May 24). The meals included a sandwich, granola bar, piece of fruit, juice box, and trail mix. Deanna and team will decide if they want to go ahead with this. Wesley hopes to have volunteers back in the kitchen by September.
- **Finance:** due to payments from the county for roundabout project, the balance of the Edward Jones building fund is almost back up to what it was before 2018 renovations. Some is being invested in CDs. The reports for profit & loss by line item with previous year for comparison, and the transaction detail by account were distributed at the meeting. Some items under Outreach were noted as needing attention/distribution, and questions about what some line items are were raised. Questions about budget and reporting may be directed to Deanna (finance liaison) and Jeff (finance leader).
- **Roundabout on Eagle Creek/185th St. and Arcadia** update. This month some trees will come down and the Holy Trinity sign on County road 21 will be pulled up by the county to be stored in the garage per the trustees. There is a question about whether the sign will go back in or be replaced with a digital or other sign. Construction of the roundabout will begin around the middle of June.
- **BOM update:** The Mozzarella and Melodies event on April 28 went great, the team will be baking May's Baking for a Purpose bread first thing in the morning on May 5, so fresh warm bread will be exchanged for a free will offering between services. On Saturday May 11 there will be a meeting of Bread Oven supporters to share experiences and do some trouble shooting to streamline the process.
- **Recording worship/Live streaming:** tabled

- **Congregational Care ministry:** There were no responses to the request for names of people needing visitation or for questions and ideas about the Care Ministry. The team brainstormed a list of people they were aware of and divided it up and have begun visiting. There may be people we don't know about, who haven't been around. They can be difficult to identify since many in our congregation travel for extended periods. The easiest way to identify people who are not in regular attendance is by regular use of the attendance sheets by the people who do attend.
- **Church Safety update:** tabled
- **Liaison updates:** CYF is preparing for the last day of Sunday school, including a family potluck and a leader appreciation event. VBS planning is also underway and a couple of new adult leaders would be very helpful. There has been difficulty scheduling a new fundraiser for an expensive event (Youth National Conference). The latest decision is to hold off and do the National Conference next year, with more planning and fundraising, a minimum of two adult chaperones and early bird discounts. STORM camp is still planned for July 21-27. Additionally three children/youth from the congregation are attending other church camps with half the registration paid for by the church.
- **General Conference Update:** The judicial council (or Supreme Court of the general conference) examined the constitutionality of the Traditional Plan. Some parts were found unconstitutional and were put aside until they could be amended, but the constitutional parts stand (*see the parts ruled constitutional below). Those items ruled constitutional become effective Jan 1, 2020. Our question is: How do we create a statement that says who we are without creating a statement that we can't live into? When the sign goes down for construction, we will use part of the money offered by the annual conference to create a couple of banners that say Open To All During Construction and a blurb for the newspaper saying "We are committed to remaining open to all in our community, welcoming anyone who seeks to grow in relationship with God, loving and serving others near and far." This statement is still in development.
- **New agenda items**
 - **Copier Status:** will have a decision to make before the end of the year.
 - **Other:**

Next meeting Monday, June 3 at 6:30.

*The Traditional Plan provisions ruled to be constitutional include:

- Petition 90032 — expands the definition of "self-avowed practicing homosexual" to include those "living in a same-sex marriage, domestic partnership or civil union, or is a person who publicly states she or he is a practicing homosexual."
- Petition 90036 — prohibits bishops from consecrating, commissioning or ordaining self-avowed homosexuals. (The text does not include the word "practicing.")
- Petition 90042 — mandates penalties for clergy convicted of performing same-sex wedding ceremonies. Those penalties are a one-year suspension without pay for the first offense and termination of conference membership and church credentials for a second offense.

- Petition 90043 — prohibits conference boards of ordained ministry from approving candidates not meeting ordination standards regarding sexuality.
- Petition 90044 — allows complaint dismissal only if it has no basis in law or fact and mandates information shared with the complainant during the complaint process.
- Petition 90045 (excluding the second sentence) — expands just resolution requirements to include a statement of harms involved and how the resolution addresses them.
Note: A sentence mandating that each just resolution include a commitment by the respondent not to repeat the violation was ruled unconstitutional and is therefore null and void.
- Petition 90046 — requires the complainant to be a party in the just resolution process.
- Petition 90047 — allows the church to appeal errors of law from trial court findings to the Judicial Council.