

# Core Team Minutes

March 29, 2016

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

Present: Paula Green, Carol Ottoson, John Bauchle, Corinna Harris, Abby  
Kucera, Ashley Elsner, Lynnette Dobberpuhl, Chad Gilbertson

## Discussion

### 1. Calendar/New Initiatives

- a. Calendar-reviewed the 2016 calendar as created at the leadership workshop. Summer service time will remain 9:30, but coffee hour will be before the service. Calendar events will be put on the church's online calendar and in the SAIL. Annual calendar can go into the volunteer handbook. Also want feedback for events and series on how effective they were at fulfilling our vision of loving God, uplifting people, inspiring hope and growing disciples.
- b. New Initiatives- Need to go back to leadership to find out if everyone has set a new goal, if the new items happened and how to support them in doing that. Need feedback on new and existing efforts, using a paper form that has been started, and an electronic form to evaluate things like Lenten worship series, FMSC, Sunday school. Caution not to overuse. Let leaders know this form is available.

### 2. Liaison Reports

- a. **Trustees**-John acquainted himself with Trustees, Randy Taatjes is the leader of the group for this year. They need a copy of the finalized budget with expenses and will reach out to Jim Helgerson (Finance). Clarified that for custodial issues SPRT is the responsible team and for custodial evaluation Trustees and SPRT work together. Randy working on creating a list of specific Trustee responsibilities for the manual.
- b. **Missions**-Mike will be at next Core Team meeting to discuss current and new initiatives.
- c. **Marketing**-have a newspaper liaison (Jane Crosson)
- d. **Technology**-Abby will reach out to the group to see about resuming meetings.

- e. **Children, Youth**-need to reach out to graduates for June recognition, VBS registration opens Thursday, sunrise service led by youth went well and pancake breakfast raised over \$400 for youth fund.
- f. **Adult**-Making Sense of the Bible starts next Thursday

### 3. Communication Steps

- a. Paula to speak at April 3 worship about accomplishments and goals that came from the leadership workshop.
- b. Posting Poster- (Abby) for mission activities and acts of kindness, looking at using canvases that people can write on..
- c. Change Jar-want to track that people are reaching out conversationally to people they don't normally speak to. Change jar one option, also discussed updating the Ritual of Friendship pads to include mission/kindness/made a new friend today..
- d. Mission Moment (Discuss with Mike Huss at April 12 meeting)
- e. Ongoing communication: Core Team Corner added as an agenda item for each meeting

### 4. Worship-Values Assessment Worksheet

Ben from the Annual Conference Congregational Development offered this assessment tool to churches to help them consider if a church is ready to add a service, a campus or plant a new church. This tool can help leadership see what core values may need to be strengthened to guarantee success. The day before Annual Conference begins (June 20) there will be a workshop in St. Cloud that Ben is leading for churches contemplating a new worship initiative. This workshop kicks off a yearlong process of planning and preparing (in our case) to add a worship service "in a different language" for people who aren't currently part of our community. (Fall 2017) Chad will report back to the group with the aggregate scores. Looking at qualitative assessment to assess readiness to birth a new service.

- 5. Parking-invite people to park in the back if they have no mobility challenges. Put up temporary signs by parking places in the front. Put note in the SAIL and bulletin.
- 6. Pastor Comments and Closing Prayer-Thanks again for all who participated in the Holy Week services; response has been very good.

Next Meetings - Tuesday, April 12, 6:30 p.m.  
Monday, April 25, 6:30 p.m.