

Core Team Minutes

July 11, 2016

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

Present: Corinna Harris, Ashley Elsner, Lori Boynton, Abby Kucera, John Bauchle (facilitating),
Lynnette Dobberpuhl, Chad Gilbertson, Carol Ottoson, Jim Helgerson, Kelly Loose

Discussion

1. **Finance Update:** Kelly and Jim presented the current financial statements. First two pages are up to date as of June 30. Last 3 pages are the expenses as percentage of budget (expenses are up to date, income is one month behind.) When budgeting, new items (such as playground or new hymnals,) need to be discussed and bought to Finance. We noted some items such as Worship Miscellaneous (4150) and Property Maintenance Electric (1020) that seemed high compared to what was expected and CYF coordinator, which seemed under expected expense. Kelly needs the annual pledge budget (Linda). Outreach has some line items with money donated that needs to be sent out. New year ministry budgets are requested by October 1. (Failure to provide a new budget will result in the previous year's budget being reviewed, copied and pasted.)
2. **Playground update:** Miscellaneous memorial and Interest Income are the two funds recommended by Finance to use for new equipment project budget (approximately \$40,000 total.) Ashley met with two reps from two different companies (located in Chaska and Stillwater.) Both companies encouraged use of volunteers to help with installation to help with costs. Extending a block wall to level and expand the play area (and possibly create seating) would be something we could do, along with excavating the play area to a 12 inch depth. Matt from Midwest Playscapes made up two designs. Both of them include the existing slide, and remove the sandbox, replacing it with a bigger ground area filled with a treated wood fiber pellet with good affordability (compared to rubber) but with similar safety value. The existing swing set is seriously out of code. The duck is a hazard and unsightly. John will check with Trustees to find out if demo, excavation, leveling and wall building is something we can do in house, and Ashley will inquire about the installation timeline with Matt. Consensus to go forward.
3. **Volunteer Coordinator Position:**

The Volunteer Coordinators recommend that a 3rd Wednesday Advisory Team be created to implement plans, lead and support events, and share ideas. consider going offsite. It was suggested that if a sample calendar of upcoming events were available, this might be more achievable. Lynnette agreed to create a 12 month calendar for a starting off point.

Facilities Use Agreement: As more people from the community inquire about using Holy Trinity as a location to host meetings or rehearsals, John will ask Trustees to create an agreement for groups who wish to use the buildings. The agreement should include a

checklist of simple items (locking up, cleaning up, any off-limits areas) as well as a contact number in case there are questions.

Otti will be ending her term this December and Karen will take the lead, but will need another person willing to help and take over in 2018. Members of the Core Team are invited to take some time to nominate people to replace Otti. Bring nominations and notes to next meeting.

4. Liaison Reports

- a. **Building Committee**-No report.
 - b. **CYF**- Thank you cards and an invitation to July's FMSC event went out to VBS families. 6th-12th grade youth are invited to gather each Sunday in July from 6-8pm for fellowship. Lynnette is working on a recognition program for youth volunteerism. Lynnette is appealing for leaders for a toddler/preschool family group to meet during education hour beginning this fall. Also appealing for new Sunday school teachers for K-5th, 6th-8th, and high school.
 - c. **Staff Parish** Met in June. New members include Lori Huss and John Parrish. No chair has been designated. Will meet again in August.
 - d. **Trustees**-tree trimming will be commencing and rock wall along parsonage is complete and looks great. Looking at doing some work on the front steps and ramp.
 - e. **Missions**-promoting the FMSC group outing, bus seats 77. Had 35 signed up at the time of the meeting.
 - f. **Marketing** has been sharing updates via email which have been circulated to Core Team. Postcards to new neighborhoods, Night to Unite, Lakefront Music Fest and Lakefront Days are current projects. Continuing candy jars. Considering discontinuing weekly ads in paper and moving to advertising for specific events.
 - g. **Adult**- Two studies are planned: one six week series starting in October (faith traditions: Methodism, Buddhism, Judaism, Islam, etc.) In spring will have an Adam Hamilton study of Paul. The Reconciliation session held in June went very well with 7-8 attendees, and people inquiring if another would be offered
 - h. **Operations** Hospitality reported they are doing well, Larry (on behalf of technology) asked about budgets
 - i. **Worship**: Leadership Institute Sept 29-30, workshops available for every ministry area, one car will leave Wednesday morning, an additional vehicle can leave Wednesday morning or afternoon. All will arrive home late on Friday. Deadline for sign up will be coming.
5. Pastor Comments and Closing Prayer: Chad read the letter from Bishop Ough about violence and racial conflict. Chad would like to take the message from vision to action. He supplied the attached bullet point list and is asking us to share ideas about ways to make them come alive. Invite them to a service, invite them to a special 3rd Wednesday, drop off a gift, surround the station with people praying, peacemaking workshop, create a statement affirming that every person is created a child of God. Bring ideas back to next meeting.

Next Meetings - Monday, July 25, 6:30 p.m.
Monday, August 8, 6:30 p.m.