

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

February 25, 2019

Present: Mike Huss (Chair), Darla Bauchle, Sharon Saunders, Collan Zehnder, Deanna Hawkins, Larry Nace (representing Marketing), Pastor Chad Gilbertson, Carol Ottoson, Lynnette Dobberpuhl

Absent: Troy Banitt

AGENDA: (highlighted areas indicate action items)

- **New Core Team members:** Darla Bauchle, Collan Zehnder, and Deanna Hawkins join the Core Team this month. They bring great experience from past leadership to the group which includes Mike Huss, Sharon Saunders, Troy Banitt, Carol Ottoson, Lynnette Dobberpuhl and Pastor Chad Gilbertson.
- **Old Agenda Items**
 - **FISH update:** Bethany Tjornham had been scheduled to speak to the congregation but was unable to come due to weather and health issues. She has requested another date to speak. Our February mission giving has been collected and we will take an opportunity to support some local needs with that money spearheaded by Tina Chant. More opportunities to be involved will be coming up.
 - **Pledges to date.** As of this date \$233,530 has been pledged with 83 pledging units. This is approximately \$70,000 short of last year's pledges. Much giving comes in that is unpledged. Rental income and special gifts are additional.
 - **2019 budget** was approved in January, with all requests approved except one trustee request of approximately \$40,000 for maintenance and improvement projects which was deferred.
 - **Roundabout on Eagle Creek/185th St. and Arcadia** update. A church conference has been scheduled for 11:45 a.m. Sunday, March 10 for the last stage of approval for the work proposed to create a roundabout at Arcadia and 185th. The cash offer for the land we will be giving up is \$160,000, with an additional \$12,000 committed previously to redraw our site plan to accommodate the new roundabout (which has been done.) The county has agreed to grade the property from the edge of the Parsonage garage to Eagle Creek, and haul away the fill (thanks to Dan Stanley for the suggestion.) The grading will be delayed until after the harvesting season for the Don Hartley Memorial Garden. The city will provide a location in the future for storm water runoff, if needed.
 - **BOM update:** a great article came out in the paper Feb 16, next bread bake will begin with fire-starting March 1st (Friday night through Saturday). Baking will begin approximately 11 a.m. Saturday. The team is still experimenting with the processes for building the fire, placement of fire, and timing for optimal baking and volunteer satisfaction. Looking forward to spring! Still recruiting volunteers.
 - **Recording worship:** the hope of streaming is still just a hope in progress at this time. More minimally, recording the service with a decent camera and tripod is a goal. The benefits could

include potential revenue stream, making the service accessible for people who are not able to make it to the service on Sunday morning, making our service visible to people who are considering coming for the first time. **Collan and Sharon agreed to do some initial research online and with other churches who do this and will report back.**

- **Financial audit:** tabled for next meeting when Jeff can be here.
- **Congregational Care** ministry: Don Oram, Lois Burkart, Karen Nau and Pastor Chad are scheduled to attend the Stephen's Ministry initial session this Sunday. Lois and Karen may also attend workshops at Church of the Resurrection on this topic. This group is taking the lead on visioning what the next stage of a congregational care ministry will look like at Holy Trinity. **Pastor Chad will report back**
- **Church safety:** how shall we respond to a crisis situation, particularly an intruder with mental health concerns who might enter the church on a Sunday morning? According to Harry Algyer, having a couple of individuals who are trained and prepared to be called upon by ushers to welcome, assess situations and provide guidance to visitors who are behaving unusually at each service would be optimal. Our police station is a nearby resource for situations when ushers perceive a high degree of discomfort or help with safety is needed. **Pastor Chad will ask Harry Algyer** if he can be a resource or recommend a resource for training ushers, teachers and other leaders. Will also ask about camera options (wireless camera systems have become numerous and much more affordable than when they were discussed a few years ago.)
- **Music ministry:** volunteers are needed in all groups, training is provided for most skills.
- New agenda items
 - **Soup supper** host groups are needed. Sherrill Taatjes is scheduling soup chefs. Core Team is suggested to host Ash Wednesday (March 6), 8th Confirmation (March 13), Bells + Chancel Choirs (March 20), 7th Confirmation (March 27), Adult Sunday School (April 3), SPRT (April 10). **Lynnette will send out the Sign Up Genius** for Core Team and contact Paula Green, head of Missions for a suggestion for the soup supper offering.
 - **Wesley Meal:** due to asbestos in the Wesley Church there will be renovations and the regular meal will not be done until summer at the earliest. Churches have been asked to provide to-go meals on the 4th and 5th Sundays of each month until then. On March 22nd HT will put have a team to put together sandwich and soup meals at HT, and we will send a team to serve it from the Wesley parking lot on March 23rd.
 - Today the UMC **General Conference** has voted down the One Church Plan and the Simple Plan. The Traditional Plan and pension issues related to clergy leaving the denomination will be going forward to the plenary session tomorrow. Two other items applying to "Gracious Exit" for congregations opposed to the Traditional Plan will be voted on. A number of judicial issues with the constitution of the UMC, and possible amendments complicate tomorrow's vote. All changes are intended to go into effect immediately; there is an all-clergy gathering March 11 for the MN Annual Conference, when how these votes will play out will be clearer. **Pastor Chad will update the Core Team** after that.
 - **Liaison roles:** In addition to attending Core Team meetings, Core Team members help keep lines of communication open with ministry leaders and teams by acting as a liaison. Core Team members reach out with information relevant to the ministry(ies) that they represent, and

support leaders in voicing ideas or concerns if any arise. Carol Ottoson is liaison for Church Operations (all the volunteers who make things like communion, sanctuary management, etc happen). Darla Bauchle is liaison to Missions (led by Paula Green) and Marketing (led by Larry Nace), Sharon Saunders is liaison to SPRT (led by Otilie Castriotta, assisted by Don Oram), Deanna Hawkins is liaison to Finance (led by Jeff Erlandson), Collan Zehnder is liaison to Trustees (led by Randy Taatjes), new Volunteer Coordinators are being recruited.

Core Team Corner:

Soup supper schedule

New Core Team members

Current leadership. (Karen Nau in charge of funerals, the ministry leaders and team members (if any), to be posted in the narthex, and in the newsletter.