

Holy Trinity Core Team Minutes

03-08-2021

Present: Pastor Chad Gilbertson, Lynnette Dobberpuhl, Carol Ottoson, Brad Wahl, Jeff Erlandson, Tanya Alemu, Mike Huss, Deanna Hawkins

Opened in prayer: remembering in particular Ione Hasselton, Verna and Jim Erickson

Financial: (Jeff and Deanna) February financials are not available at the time of the meeting. Still in the process of gathering the info for analyzing the expense vs. income of the last few years.

Re-Gathering/Covid: (Chad) The CDC released new recommendations for fully vaccinated people for gathering in homes. This is not yet applicable to a church setting but we will be watching for updated recommendations for our context. We continue to urge patience as more people get vaccinated. We continue to plan for outdoor worship (weather permitting) for Good Friday and Easter as we look ahead to post-Easter gathering possibilities. The sanctuary opening on Sunday morning has the following attendance: 6 on February 21, 3 on February 28 and 10 on March 7.

Nuvera Upgrade: In reviewing the estimate of costs for the upgrade, particularly the installation of some parts, it was decided to find out if we could simply increase our internet speed without additional phone and access points to increase range of internet. It was also suggested to get a competing bid from Media Com.

Easter Offering: Typically our Christmas and Easter offerings go to a mission, but this year when we have been talking about asking for more to keep our ministries going, and at a time when we have already incurred a number of expenses for technology to expand our worship and small group activities, it seems important to use this giving opportunity (Easter offering + mission of the month) to help cover the costs of software, hardware and subscriptions that allow us to be in virtual ministry during the pandemic but also for the future when we are able to meet in person.

Youth: STORM Camp this year will be a one-day event planned for July 17 and will be in four locations including Holy Trinity. More info coming soon about volunteers needed for this exciting day of service to our community. On a recent Sunday we had 18 kids in online Sunday school (grades K-6). Currently in planning to do a 5K run for our families, members and friends in May, in keeping with the theme for May.

CrossForms Immersion training: (Chad) Chad will be looking for 4+ members to participate in the training, which will cost our church \$400, and will take place on five Saturday mornings over the next year. It will strengthen our ability to move forward as a team, at a crucial time for moving creatively as a team toward claiming our vision of a two campus ministry (in-person and virtual) in a financially difficult time. May 1 is the first session.

Micah Vision: As Chad has been thinking about the year ahead, particularly coming out of a season of pandemic, and considering the conversations we have had and will continue to have about priorities and programming, it makes sense to identify the critical areas we will be about in this next year, and beyond. The scriptural basis is Micah 6:8. It is clear to Chad that what God wants and expects from us is not large and lavish gatherings but attention paid to God and others through justice, compassion and discipleship. There are some concrete thoughts and objectives under each of these areas in the action plan. If this is going to be our emphasis for the next season, Chad will not be able to do it on his own, he needs the support of our church community. Chad is asking the Core Team to help him connect with people who might be able and willing to fulfill roles in the action plan. He is also asking for feedback and ideas about the plan. So far the vision and action plan has been well received.

MusicFest: volunteers again will be sought to staff the pop/water tent, which is a good fundraiser and an opportunity to serve the community and Rotary.

Leadership: Mike has led the Core Team for 2 ¼ years, during a time of difficult issues even prior to the pandemic. We have been blessed by his invaluable dedication and leadership, above and beyond all we could ask. He has done a fantastic job.

We thank Deanna Hawkins for taking on the role of Core Team Chair, and being willing to serve our church community in this way.

The next meeting is Monday April 19, 6:30 p.m.