

Holy Trinity Core Team Minutes

04-19-2021

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

Opened in prayer

Financial: (Jeff and Deanna) Edward Jones (designated for building) stands at \$213,000, and the main operating account (General Fund) stands at \$122,000. We are about \$6000 less in income this quarter than needed to meet the 2021 budget, but our expenses are also considerably lower than budgeted (by about \$11000) which may partly be due to the timing of how bills come in. At this rate it appears that we are close to a breakeven point of expenses vs. income. Comparing the first quarter of 2021 with the same time period in 2020 is not useful as that period in 2020 was almost completely pre-Covid restrictions. Deanna and Jeff will meet to look more closely at the income/expenses for a more detailed understanding.

Easter offering so far for our virtual ministry is at about \$2800, which goes a great way towards covering the expenses of hardware that had to be purchased.

Re-Gathering/Covid: (Chad) The plan was that regular outdoor worship and small groups being allowed indoors with reservations begin April 25; but since then, the Annual Conference has elected not to relax the restrictions due to an increase in cases and hospitalizations. This does not impact the ability to return to outdoor worship, but do we need to re-consider small groups? Chad's opinion was that if we keep to reservation schedules, masking, limit on group size, and cleaning protocols, that small groups could resume as planned. There is no overlap of staff schedules with any of the group meetings.

The same restrictions for outside groups (support groups, exercise group) would stand for Holy Trinity groups such as UMW, Sunday school, Confirmation and youth groups. Reminder signs for expectations will be posted in all meetings spaces including Parsonage upstairs, Parsonage lower level, and Fellowship Hall, which are all large enough to allow distancing.

Micah Vision: (Chad) *Justice:* Spring Study "White Fragility" is underway with 12 people taking part. The Social Justice action team is still in formation, but a church member has expressed interest in being a co-leader for helping the community learn about justice issues and consider action on these issues. Curriculum for children/youth is being searched. *Compassion:* Mission of the month and drive-through events seeking items and donations for communities in need have been underway and will continue. STORM Camp and STRONG mission trips are being planned. Other mission opportunities for families to serve together will be developed in the next year. *Devotion:* continuing online presence for worship and education but adding back in-person opportunities also. Opportunities for gathering outside of worship will resume as we gain momentum and begin recovering from restrictions.

CrossForms Immersion training: Seven people are registered: Pastor Chad, Lynnette Dobberpuhl, Tina Chant, Carol Ottoson, Don Oram, Deanna Hawkins, and Tanya Alemu.

Costa Rica: (Chad) Trip with STRONG missions is being planned for a week beginning Dec 26 2021. Vic Noer has requested that the money the church receives from the Rotary for volunteering at **MusicFest** be designated for the mission trip (in past years we have received over \$1,000 per year which we have allocated to the garden and bread oven ministry.) **Chad will speak to the Garden and Bread Oven people to get their input.** The mission team has also asked if the parking lot and green space can be used for paid parking for MusicFest (with permission from Trustees to use the green if there is rain.) Questions about liability, does our insurance cover if there is an accident or theft? Do we need to post signs "take your valuables"? **Chad will let Vic know the team needs to check that out with Trustees and insurance before approval.**

Nuvera Upgrade: **Lynnette is still getting details on what we get and when with the Nuvera proposal.** The current proposal is that we would get the needed internet upgrade to 60/10 with an installation cost of \$279 and \$130 monthly costs. The question is, would the installation cost go down after city fiber optic is completely installed? And would the full internet be available to us before the city fiber optic is laid?

Youth: A newsletter recently went out with the plans for the next six months. We are very excited about the one-day STORM camp event on July 17, but there are a lot of details to be worked out. This is a tremendous opportunity for our youth and families to be active in serving the community. In a few weeks we will begin seeking outdoor JOBS to do; we need several in a 30-mile radius of our church. If needed, the cost of materials to be used will be covered by STORM. Suggested jobs include scraping and painting exteriors, demolishing structures, building, concrete work, clearing brush, landscaping, etc. We are also seeking youth (7th grade and up) and some adults to do/supervise the work. We will be recruiting youth/adults from other area churches. Registration cost to participate is a free will offering that will go to pay for supplies. There is no cost to homeowners.

Leadership: SPRT meets tomorrow night. There are still openings on Core Team, Trustees, and SPRT. Chad challenges each Core Team member to bring one name to him for leadership nominations.

The next meeting is Monday, May 17, 6:30 p.m.