

Core Team Minutes

June 14, 2021

Present: Tanya Alemu, Collan Zehnder, Carol Ottoson, Deanna Hawkins, Pastor Chad Gilbertson, Lynnette Dobberpuhl

No **financial** report this meeting. Reports will be sent out later this month and in July plan to take time to look at the Edward Jones investments per request by Kelly Loose.

Church re-Opening: We began worshipping indoors on June 6. Attendance was 65 that first Sunday (graduate recognition), and 55 on June 13. The sanctuary felt full with half the pews blocked off. Some folks are attending that haven't been here for awhile, but difficult to say how many or which ones since we haven't taken names like when we were contact tracing. Next to consider is capacity: if we have people in every open pew, our latecomers (who tend to be new) may have to sit in a pew that has been taped off or otherwise sent downstairs into overflow where they would be the only people—not what we hope for in hospitality. The annual conference has eliminated the capacity restriction, so we are not required to maintain blocking off pews. Ushers could seat people in a checkerboard if needed (after service starts?) consider masked vs. unmasked (keep unmasked people together?) treat downstairs as a special seating area with designated people to sit there (to create a comfort zone for additional people who come in.) *Update since the Core Team meeting: Due to our hosting the Celebration of Life service for Len Brown, Pastor Chad has made the decision to remove tape from the pews. People will be allowed to sit where they like, but are still encouraged to mask and to space as they are able.*

We haven't been doing children's time according to guidelines for not bringing people into close contact, but in July Pastor Chad may start doing a message to the kids in the pews.

Paula Green will be leading worship on June 27, and Don Oram on July 4, while Chad is on vacation.

Midweek worship: a survey went out with Trini-Ties today to find out who would be interested in an outdoor midweek worship.

CrossForm: The CrossForm team will be speaking to people in the congregation to find out, What do we at Holy Trinity do that you value? Why do you follow Jesus (vs. another religion or no religion)? Why do you choose a United Methodist Church? Why do you choose Holy Trinity to be your home church? We can find purpose and relationships in clubs and other social groups, so what does church bring you that is special?

Micah Vision: Sharon Saunders has agreed to head up the Social Justice team. She will be crafting a purpose statement and bring it to Chad who will then share it with the Core Team.

Children, Youth & Family: Seven elementary aged kids signed up for a half day **Bible Boot Camp** this week. We have been receiving interest from people willing to offer projects for our one day **STORM** campers to do. Still finding out how many people will be participating so we know how many projects we can handle. Vacation Bible School this year will be from 5-7:30 in the evenings Mon-Thurs, Aug 9-12 (registration is live on our htumc.org website.) Due to the start time we will be feeding kids as we share the story and the music (Carol volunteered use of 6 inch pizza crusts she makes.) On Thursday, the finish of VBS at 7 pm will coincide with the beginning of an outdoor worship time for our congregation and the

VBS families. Chad is looking for guest speakers and possibly worship bands to bring in for this and some other evening worship experiences.

Nuvera upgrade: Nuvera's fiber optic has been laid to the building. At some point soon the internal wiring will be done to bring our internet up to speed which will help with streaming. This item can be deleted from future agendas unless a new issue arises.

Tele Messages / Text Messaging: The use of tele-messaging (robo calls) is being tabled at this time since we are back to worshipping in the building. There is a possibility of using our congregational software to do mass text messaging for important announcements. To do this we would need to update many phone numbers and find out who would want to opt in. This has been set aside for the time being.

Night 2 Unite (N2U): For about 4-5 years pre-pandemic, HT has hosted a cookout and entertainment on Neighborhood Night Out for our church community and neighborhood. N2U is on August 3 5:30-8:00 pm this year. *(Since the Core Team meeting we have found out that many of the Bread Oven Team will be on vacation on or around this date and serving bread oven pizza will not be an option.)* Chad would prefer not to ask for free will offering or cost for food for N2U and use it as a gift to the community. Ask Costa Rica team if they want to do something fundraisery that night?

Costa Rica: outdoor fellowship after worship could be hosted by the mission team for a free will offering, Deanna has volunteered to make the coffee (to promote her own coffee fundraiser for Haiti).

Next Core Team meeting will be at 6:30 pm on Monday, July 12.