

Core Team Meeting July 12, 2021

Present: Pastor Chad, Deanna Hawkins, Jeff Erlandson, Brad Wahl, Lynnette Dobberpuhl, Carol Ottoson, Collan Zehnder

Opened in prayer.

Finance: According to Kelly cash flow is tight and Jeff and she will work together before the next meeting on how they are monitoring that. Admin and payroll is about equal to income. Easter offering needs to be released to the general fund to offset technology expenses. Lynnette will ask if the amount in the youth fund is new donations or from previous years. We need to analyze how we will adjust spending if people really start returning and giving in the fall, and also if they don't. Our giving information is one source of data to find out who still feels connected.

Regarding connection, we need to consider reaching out to people we have not seen (email or phone call or postcard) and telling them we miss them, invite them back, and ask them how they want to be involved. What is our message to people that gets them interested in recommitting to support of the ministries of Holy Trinity? How can we invite people to share what they love about this community (like Darlington did in the July 4th service, which was invigorating.)

Jeff is being updated as signer on the Edward Jones accounts. There are four of those accounts that are the main operating accounts (unclear why there are four: Memorial, David Wayne, Trustee, Music) in addition to the Building Fund (laddered CDs which aren't bad but aren't yielding anything to keep up with inflation which means they are losing money.) Finance wants to consider moving the moneys to a bond fund, which fluctuates with interest rates. This might put the fund at risk of losing principle but would give us a better return. Our money in some funds is already in higher risk, lower rated funds. There is a concern about risking money on lower rated funds, but it is not good stewardship to let it slip away to inflation. Shari has managed the funds in the past taking the risks necessary to offset losses over the long run. As Core Team we need to opine on the level of risk we are willing to take, particularly with the Building Fund, if we don't see using it indefinitely. This is an item for single topic meeting, and inviting in Kelly and Shari. If we leave two months expenses in reserve, what do we do with the miscellaneous funds that have been sitting for years, if not decades, and align our investing strategy with our spending needs. Chad noted that foundation for MN and Dakota conferences has best practices information we can use to help with the strategy.

Lakefront Music Fest: We received approximately \$2000 for the mission team by providing paid parking. The money raised by volunteering at the pop/water tents and registration will also go to the mission trip.

Children Youth and Families: Lynnette gave a report on STORM camp which was on July 17, and in which Holy Trinity and River Hills UMCs provided five teams who worked on seven projects. We had 21 youth and adults from Holy Trinity on those Teens In Mission teams, along with six from River Hills, and an additional eight adults doing support before and during the day of service, all working together in ministry. Many rocks were moved, weeds were pulled, boards were painted, and an accessibility ramp was built. The homes we served were referred to us by our church community and by the CAP Agency and Scott County Volunteer Services. It was a successful but challenging day which was topped off by outdoor worship, music by the band boiling point, and snacks. Materials used in the projects were either provided by the homeowner or reimbursed by STORM Camp.

VBS is August 9-12 and we are preparing. We are looking for leaders (older youth or adults) who would be willing to lead Recreation and Science activities (a fun and easy to follow curriculum is provided and you get gold crowns and a free tshirt!) Also we need folks willing to help prep meals for three nights (planning a pizza night for one of those.) More info about VBS is available on our website www.htumc.org/education

N2U: planned for Tuesday August 3. Looking for volunteers to help put the event together and staff it. Volunteer options include leaving flyers at homes in the neighborhood, rent and coordinate bouncy house, cookies and bars, cook hot dogs, serving, supervising games in the yard, balloon arch, prepping the balloon arch.

CrossForm Update: Next immersion training is Sat July 17. The group will meet Thursday to look at homework from last session to prepare for this session, including an assessment of Archetypes of Change.

Church Re-Opening Update: Attendance running 40-50 per service on average, which is not much below the summer average. A good number of people responded to the mid-week service survey indicating an interest in attending once per month.

Fellowship: Deanna has 50 lbs of coffee for the Haiti coffee fundraiser, and is coordinating with Maia about when to host it, probably not every week. Considering Donut Sunday once per month.

Micah Vision Update: Pastor Chad and Sharon are meeting next week to solidify a purpose statement and be up and running for fall.

Next Meeting: August 23 Finance Meeting (depending on Kelly and Shari's availability)