

Holy Trinity Core Team Meeting Minutes

8-19-2024

Core Team Members present: Paula Green, Carol Ottoson, Collan Zehnder, Lynnette Dobberpuhl, Tanya Alemu, Pastor Leigh Brown

Finance: We have not yet been able to confirm a **new chair** for Finance. One person is still considering the position. **Copier:** got some info from our current copier vendor about changing our plan. Team will ask Tina to confirm number of B&W and Color copies used on average monthly, and choose a couple of other companies to get information and bids from. **Van Sale:** Pat Green is currently looking for a title for the van (will be checking the safe deposit boxes,) and then will be finding out who is authorized to sign over the title in the event of a sale.

Family/Youth: Leigh will be talking with Pastor Brenda North at Glendale UMC to learn about their programs for children and youth. Leigh will also be connecting with HTUMC youth to build up our current connections, or consider as a second option to combine efforts with Glendale for confirmation. Kick off Sunday will include coffee and couches and we are hoping to have some of the youth involved with the coffee and hospitality part of that experience. VBS in June 2025 will be in conjunction with Glendale. Kids' Church is changing curriculum and we will be finding leaders to help once a month lead the simple curriculum so we have leaders for both preschool and early elementary (through 4th grade.)

Leadership Institute Sept 25-27: Leigh, Carol, Maia and Lynnette are attending.

Fresh Expressions: A lot will be happening in upcoming days, watch for updates. The garden has been producing abundantly, and we need more people to pick produce daily. The group will be meeting in a couple of days to discuss how to involve the community. Need to layout clearly who can pick food, when, and where to leave food that is picked, or how to access any tools they might need.

Night to Unite: 70+ attendees not including visitors from the city and school district, most from outside our church. Good attendance is attributed to beautiful weather and strong promotion of the event.

IT Improvements: tabled

One Table: December 15 we'll be sharing our cultures and communities through food and stories. See the SAIL for the description of quarterly foci for the I Team.

Upcoming Events: Kickoff (Rally) Sunday Sept 8, Fall Community Fest on Sept. 16 at PLHS, Haunted House proposed for Sat Oct 26th, with a little kids version and carnival games on

Sunday the 27th. (Tanya, Paula, Collan helps Janean & Prior Lake HS Jr. Optimists?) We will be a stop for Candy Crawl again and are sharing space so Lakers for Love Foundation can also have a location on the Crawl.

Shakopee Community Assistance and Toy Corner, trying to keep their operation in Shakopee, so they are not considering hosting here at this time, but they will let us know if that changes.

Radical Hospitality-recruiting volunteers: Carol has heard from one recent graduate who is interested in being part of I Team, and another student might join. Not heard from many others for other opportunities.

Land Sale Update: Leigh, Tanya, Vic and Dan Stanley met with the mayor and city manager to build connections but also see if the city has any interest in the property. The city is primarily interested in getting new businesses established in Prior Lake to build the tax base. The question is, what is Holy Trinity's vision? What things are important and what is negotiable, with an eye toward sustainability and budget. Pastor Leigh has heard concerns that we are about to collapse due to budget shortfall (which is a concern but perhaps not an immediate concern), and also that nothing can be changed in the grounds and buildings because of nostalgia. How can we brainstorm (without judgment on ideas,) to discover what it is that we hope to do and have faith that we can do. What, specifically, does the hope look like? Why is that hope desirable? Is it sustainable? So, what is next? If we ask people to look at our hope, referring to the defeated land sale with big feelings on all sides, and the very real budget situation to help frame the necessity of the conversation, we think we might be able to get buy-in to the conversation about how Holy Trinity can live on. Having faith that money will keep magically appearing is not a message of stewardship. We are called to use our resources well and decide what we will protect and what can be let go. We can invite members to a large group conversation November 10 after a presentation of information on "Bridge Forward" in October. Despite what we have tried in the past few years, we still have a gap between income and expenses.

Next meeting September 23, 2024 at 6:30pm