

**Holy Trinity UMC**  
**Core Team Meeting Agenda**  
**2/26/2023**

**Core Team Members:** Pastor Chad Gilbertson, Tanya Alemu, Lynnette Dobberpuhl, Carol Ottoson, Paula Green, Patrick Rasmussen, Dustin Guenther

**Opening Prayer - Chad**

- Finance Update
  - Insurance costs and other notable items
  - Update on Setting up the Venmo account – This announcement should go out soon
  
- Children/Youth/Families: Updates? VBS dates, STORM, Lent, Kids' Church
  
- Northland Offer – Voted NO – what now? It was suggested that leadership hasn't considered all the options for solving budget issues, it was great that so many people were energized, feeling hopeful that something can be done to deal with the fiscal issues. Volunteers need to be recruited to do specific Trustee tasks that we can't pay to do (carpet cleaning etc.) Could do an internal campaign, a drive to fill in the operating fund gap; ask each of the people who attended the church conference \$20 a month (or a dollar a day) more until the end of the year. Will continue drawing interest off the building fund as needed. Someone will always want to buy the land so there will be other opportunities if needed.
  
- Pastor changes – process and timeline June 9 will be Chad's last Sunday at HTUMC. He will begin at Rosemount on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Our new pastor's first Sunday will likely be June 30. We will be covering the pulpit with lay speakers (Paula and Don most likely) for two weeks. The DS will be considering candidates, potentially including pastors currently serving other churches, prayerfully and with deep consideration for the needs of the congregation and the gifts of the pastors available. The bishop will announce an intention of appointing a particular candidate, broach the issue with the candidate, and if it is agreeable, the candidate (and possibly a spouse) will meet with the SPRT for an interview/meeting. They will take a prayer and discernment time with DS support, and then we will be asked if we can support the proposed "missional match" and affirm the bishop's intention. There would need to be a reason the mission does not match to refuse to affirm.
  
- UWF – upcoming fundraisers United Women in Faith planning a Saturday in June for flea market type experience to raise money for missions (people can rent tables to display wares to sell). Folks are invited to help plan, reserve tables, Tuesday March 12 2-3:30pm, contact Connie, Sharon D.
  
- Carol – upcoming items. Ellie Krug, a transgender woman, will be doing an amazing workshop called Gray Area Thinking, at Holy Trinity, Sunday, May 5, 6:30-8:30 pm. Eventbrite Tanya moved that it be paid out of a relevant memorial, seconded by Paula, motion carries.
  
- Outreach opportunities –

- 2024 Ideas
  - Emma Norton Games and Book Drive?
  - Fix-It Clinic
  - Others?
- Building Safety assessment – what to do about this?
- Lent – soup supper – Core Team hosting This Wednesday
- Bigger online presence – hire a freelance person?
- Van – should we keep this? Insurance about \$2500, \$1.7k repairs, a van for 7 days 17-1800 to rent.

**Reminders:**

- Next meeting? March 18, 6:30pm