

Roseau Evangelical Covenant Church

Leadership Council Meeting

August 25, 2015

Jan Carr called the meeting to order.

In attendance: Jan Carr, Pastor Steve Hoffer, Pastor Kecia Stroot, Rob Stroot, Darrin Smedsmo, Trish Hunter, Sheila Brinkman, Nathan Acker, Todd Peterson

Nathan Acker started the meeting with a scripture reading and prayer.

June 9, 2015 LC Minutes were reviewed and approved.

June 30 Congregational Minutes were reviewed and approved with minor corrections.

Pastor Steve Hoffer gave an update.

We have received 7 resumes for the Youth Director position, with 4 potential candidates. Three of those were asked for additional information, and one has responded so far.

Fall schedule is getting set with small groups, Sunday School, Confirmation, and the New Members Class.

The web site is very close to being set up and running and the weekly Newsletter is going well.

Pastor Steve will be gone October 16-21 for a 1 week intensive in Bethel for a class he is taking this fall.

Pastor Kecia Stroot gave an update.

CHIC had 25 kids.

We sent a total of 24 kids to MUUCE including adults, since we opened it up to the 6th graders.

We had 47 attend Taco Tuesday, and 24 went to the Cavalier Concert.

The Bluewater Reunions had anywhere from 4 to 12 people attending. Root beer floats were served and it was a great way to meet with the families of the campers.

Pastor Kecia has planned the youth calendar through December.

The ordination process continues with the goal of getting ordained next June.

Board Reports:

Nathan Acker gave an update on the **Deacon Board**.

They continue to keep up on all prayer requests and prayer needs.

Bible Studies are the focus this fall. Leaders will be in place for the Small Groups and it will be a little more organized this year.

Options have been discussed on handling immediate prayer needs, and the written prayer requests.

Rob Stroot gave an update on the **Trustee Board**

They are shooting for mid-October to get the first drafts in for the 2016 budget. Each board should talk through all the line items and make sure that all things are accounted for.

Landscaping has been done. There is some new landscaping around the playground, around the mailbox, and some in the front.

The **Treasurers Report** was presented by *Todd Peterson*. It was reviewed and approved.

He is still not getting receipts in a timely manner. Charge accounts will be closed in the next few months if it does not improve.

It was discussed that the decorating committee needs to have a line item in the budget. Probably under the Trustees. Rob will talk to the Decorating Committee about their budget.

Trish Hunter gave an update on the **Christian Formation Board**.

They have all the teachers, but still need a SS Superintendent and someone for Opening Exercises.

Teacher orientation and Safe Children Program has two available times with day care available on Sept. 13 at 9:00 and 12:00. They are asking all to pre-register. An additional option at 6:30 on Wednesday, before youth group.

There will be two days off for Sunday School this year: The Sunday following Christmas, and Easter Sunday. The Kick-off will be the 13th. Sunday School classes and the picnic at Malung will be on the 20th.

Adult SS is set and starting with Rob and Kecia Stroot.

The CF Board has a need for storage. They would like to store things in boxes in one room. There are a lot of supplies for VBS and Sunday School, plus Christmas costumes. Trish asked Rob about using a SS room. Trish said there is 11 SS classes that need rooms, and we have 12 rooms

available. This is a good solution for now, but may not work other years if we have increased numbers in Sunday School. Rob stated that he is fine with doing that for now as long as it doesn't get out of hand. A storage shed has been discussed many times by the Trustee board, but it has come down to the best use of our money.

Darrin Smedsmo gave an update on the ***Mission and Outreach Board***.

Todd and Andrea Ellingson are coming in September 13th and getting 5 minutes. There will be no pot luck, and they are getting \$500 from the Board.

October 7th to the 11th is the scheduled trip to South Dakota to build a 20x26 pole shed on the Reservation. They are looking for \$5,000 total to go, and are close to half way there. There are an approved 6 to go. Prayer walking would be great if others want to go. Additional construction workers could be helpful as well. The church has a negative connotation on the reservation, so meeting at the garage is a good start. There were 20 suicides last year, and the kids need a lot of attention. There is a video that would be pretty good to show in church.

Fall fest is scheduled for October 25th during the regular worship time, with a pot-luck to follow. Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge will be performing and speaking for the service. One third of the offering will go to South Dakota, one third will go to Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge, and one third will go to Ken Danielson's Boat Project.

Nominating Committee will start up in October.

Ministry Growth will meet on 9/21/2015 at 6:30 p.m.

New Business:

The ***Pastoral Search Committee*** reconvened on 8-24-15. Everyone remained on the committee with the exception of Nathan Acker. Jan Carr is the Communication Liaison and has started the process of getting the profile completed for the Pastor position. This will be added to the weekly newsletter when complete. Mark Stromberg will give up some profiles for possible candidates, and Pastor Steve will apply for the position as well.

Pastor Steve closed in prayer.

Our next meeting is scheduled for *September 29, 2015*.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Brinkman