

Roseau Evangelical Covenant Church  
Monthly Leadership Council Meeting  
April 26, 2016

In Attendance: Pastor Steve Hoffer, Pastor Kecia Stroot, Todd Peterson, Rachel Krahn, Bryan Dickson, Nathan Acker, Tony Fichter, Rob Stroot, Jan Carr

Absent: Darrin Smedsmo

**Call to Order:** Jan Carr, Chair

Scriptural Introduction: Nathan acker, Deacon Chair

March 29, 2016 Leadership Council Minutes were reviewed and accepted with minor corrections.

**Pastor Reports:**

**Pastor Steve Hoffer:** doing some marriage counseling and mentoring; attended a mental health training; holding weekly staff meetings; attending the Ministry Growth meetings; will be at Bethel on Sunday, so Pastor Kecia is preaching; taking vacation May 16-23 for daughter's graduation; Mary Hoffer has volunteered to do Church Night at the fair this year; May 6<sup>th</sup> is Elaine's last day, and there have been a few people interested in the position.

**Pastor Kecia Stroot:** 4th-6<sup>th</sup> grade youth group will be meeting for the 4<sup>th</sup> time and then will take the month of May off; 24 kids coming with half from our church and half not from our church; have been collecting gently used shoes for Soles for Souls; *Hope Sunday* is this coming Sunday, and there will be an opportunity to sponsor a child through World Vision; in the last stages of her ordination; speaking at Baccalaureate this year.

**Bryan Dickson:** took 12 students to Feed My Starving Children; Spring Fling Chic fundraiser went very well; Fellowship committee asked CHIC to serve the meal; had lower attendance and lots of help but made about \$500 dollars for youth; started prayer on Tuesday nights at church, or at home, for kids and leaders in Youth Group; after tomorrow there is not regular Youth Group until end of May for the All City Youth Group; kids and leaders are encouraged to support band, choir and Baccalaureate; 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be promoted up to Youth Group on June 8<sup>th</sup> and the graduating seniors will be welcomed through the summer; Senior High Sunday School is going studying the book of Romans and is going well; last release time is tomorrow; May 22<sup>nd</sup> will be a CHIC parent meeting so that everyone is on the same page.

**Board Reports**

**Deacon Board:** Nathan Acker

Prayer is still the main focus of Board. Wednesday night prayer has been well attended lately. Discussed Bible studies for the summer, but decided to hold off and maybe do something more mission orientated. Pastor Steve offered to draft a policy pertaining to membership request guidelines for the Deacon Board.

**Trustee Board:** Rob Stroot

There may be requests to check out chairs or tables for upcoming graduations. Elaine will create a list for checking out tables or chairs, and people can talk to Kecia or Bryan if needed. There will be a notice on the eNewsletter regarding the set-up of tables and chairs for church events. Each board or committee is responsible for their own event.

**Treasurer's Report:** Todd Peterson presented the report, which was reviewed and accepted.

**Christian Formation Board:** Rachel Krahn

VBS has been moved to July 11-14, the week before the fair, since there is a large camp of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders at Bluewater in August. We will have a barnyard theme, and registrations available for preschool through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. All money raised in VBS will be used to purchase animals through Covenant World Relief for those in need, which was requested by the Mission Board.

The background checks and security checks will be kept in a locked cabinet.

The Burger Bash had a great showing. Camps are filling up and the Bluewater scholarship offering was over \$1,735.

Forty-two DQ Gift Certificates were handed out on Teacher Appreciation Sunday with potluck and cake to honor our Sunday School teachers. The Sunday School offering will be going to Faith in Action through May, and will go back to the Operation Christmas Fund to cover our postage costs in the fall.

We will be ordering the Orange Curriculum for all ages in the fall.

May 15<sup>th</sup> is Confirmation Sunday with 13 kids and a potluck after.

May 29<sup>th</sup> is Graduation Sunday with a possibility of 15 graduates to be invited. A slide show video will be put together for the service.

It was clarified that keeping the kitchen stocked with napkins, plates, cups and coffee is one of the job duties for the church secretary.

#### **Team Reports:**

**Ministry Growth:** Pastor Steve Hoffer

The mission and values of our church are being reviewed. The Deacon board will be meeting next week and will discuss this further and look at the summary of surveys completed.

#### **Other:**

Leadership Council, after careful consideration, developed a list of members to serve on the Pastoral Search Committee (for the Children and Family Ministry Pastor) that will be presented at the next Congregational Meeting for election.

Leadership Council would like to present the idea of offering the status of Pastor Emeritus to Pastor Joe Elick. Pastor Steve and Jan Carr met with Joe. He feels honored that this status will be considered. This has been tabled until Joe has completed his medical treatment, per his request.

Pastor Hoffer presented, in draft form, a Restricted Giving Policy for review. This will be presented at the next Congregational Meeting.

Church security was discussed with no conclusions or recommendations. There have been no incidents at RECC but in light of societal issues it may need to be considered. Pastor Steve will bring this topic to the Ministerial meeting for discussion.

**Next Meeting:** Quarterly Congregational meeting on May 31, 2016 at 7:00pm

Next Leadership Council meeting: June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 @ 7:00pm