

Roseau Evangelical Covenant Church
Leadership Council Monthly Meeting
August 30, 2016

In attendance: Pastor Steve Hoffer, Pastor Kecia Stroot, Bryan Dickson, Jan Carr, Tony Fichter, Darrin Smedsmo, Sheila Brinkman, Rachel Krahn

Call to Order: Jan Carr, Chair

Scriptural Introduction: Pastor Steve Hoffer

June 21, 2016 Leadership Council Minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Pastor/Director Reports:

Pastor Steve Hoffer: Sarah Schmiedeknecht resigned her position as church secretary and is moving. Looking at applications to fill the secretary position. There are seven people to be baptized on Wednesday, August 31st, at the Roseau City Park. We are getting ready to start the Community Bible Experience. There are 11 small groups available to join. Fall Fest is scheduled for the 3rd Sunday in November. We will be celebrating the completion of the Community Bible Experience and also praying over the Christmas Shoeboxes.

Pastor Kecia Stroot: Ignite has been meeting all summer with 3 to 12 students attending. This Fall Ignite will be participating in the Community Bible Experience. Planning to kick off Sunday School with the new Orange curriculum. Opening exercises will be longer and will cover the bible story as a large group. The kids will go off to their classrooms for the last 15 minutes or so. Our community is beginning a food backpack program to provide weekend food for kindergarten through 3rd grade students at the Roseau school that request it. Teachers will also be able to recommend students that they see are not getting enough food on weekends. The Roseau Food Shelf is helping in this ministry by supplying the food.

Bryan Dickson: Finishing up the summer youth group. An average of 30 kids on Wednesday night during the summer. Just had a Bonfire last night at the church. Took the bus to Off The Charts music concert. Gross night is the first week of school to kick off youth group for the school year. There will be water balloons, food, shaving cream, etc. September 28 is See You At The Pole. Roseau Area Youth Leaders will provide food for the kids. Took 13 kids to MUUUCE. Spoke with Mr. Lepard to get letters out to the kids for Release Time to start on September 28th. The All City Youth will go the Corn Maze in Warroad on October 5th. Planning on taking kids to a Bluewater youth retreat over MEA weekend, leaving on Thursday and returning Saturday.

Board Reports:

Trustee Board: Rob Stroot, Chair

Discussed preparation of the Sunday school rooms. Plan to move the children's church to the old couch room which would create a cascade of moves to make everything work. Will install new signs on all the doors and move the library to the new location. Will discuss the interior decorating of the library with the decorating committee or other volunteers on a later date. Pastor Steve also asked the board to

trim the bushes and landscaping prior to the kick off for Sunday school.

Treasurer Report: Presented by Rob Stroot, was reviewed and accepted. Discussion followed regarding the budget shortfall. This will be brought to the attention of the congregation and will also be discussed in the next congregational meeting.

Deacon Board: Nathan Acker, Chair (update given by Pastor Steve Hoffer in Nathan's absence) Working on updating the church mission statement. The mission statement to be presented to the church is: "To Share the Love and Hope of Jesus in Today's World." This new mission statement will be presented to the congregation on Sunday and there will be two opportunities to discuss the new mission statement: Sept. 12th and Sept. 25th. The hope is to allow everyone in the church to view, process and discuss the mission statement, then present it at the congregational meeting for an official vote.

Christian Formation Board: Rachel Krahn, Chair

With Sarah Schmiedeknecht moving, the CF board has lost another member. The Board is down to 4 members and needs more help. LC directed to ask people for help as needed. Sunday School is starting up with the new Orange Curriculum. Still in need of teachers for 3 classes. There will be three opportunities for Teacher Orientation/Safe Children training for any volunteers working with kids in the church. Two training sessions are scheduled for September 11th and another scheduled for the following Wednesday. LC recommended that the Community Bible Experience be kept in a small group setting and not as one of the Adult Sunday School classes. Children's church will be starting again on September 11th. The ages have expanded from age 3 to 1st grade due to parent requests.

Bluewater Committee: A total of 180 kids from Roseau attended camp this summer, which is average compared to other years. We will be doing a door offering to replenish the Bluewater Scholarship fund. More scholarships were given this year than the fund allowed.

Mission and Outreach Board: Darrin Smedsmo, Chair

Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection week is November 14-21. Todd Ellingson is scheduled to speak October 16th. We will also get an update on our VBS fundraising of \$745 which was used to purchase goats and cows for City of Joy. Food Backpacks will be starting soon with other organizations helping out. Les Mitering worked on Jason Stromstad's house in Scammon Bay.

Committee Reports:

PRC: Tony Fichter, Chair

Have not met recently. It was stressed how important this ministry is for our pastoral staff church.

Pastoral Search Committee: Tony Fichter, Chair

The profile for the new position of Children and Family Pastor is complete and has been submitted to Mark Stromberg of the NW Conference. The process went very smoothly given all the work that was put in by the previous Pastoral Search Committee. We will start receiving the profiles of those who have applied.

Next Meeting: *Congregational Meeting on September 27, 2016*

*Respectfully Submitted,
Sheila Brinkman*