

ROSEAU EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH  
Leadership Council Meeting  
June 27, 2017

*“To Share the Love and Hope of Jesus in Today’s World”*

*Exalt* God  
*Expand* God’s Kingdom  
*Equip* God’s People  
*Express* God’s Compassion

**In attendance:** Pastor Steve Hoffer, Tony Fichter, Pastor Kecia Stroot, Bryan Dickson, Todd Peterson, Dennis Ingold, Rachel Krahn, Sheila Brinkman, Dave Anderson, Darrin Smedsmo  
**Absent:** Roger Helgeson

Chair Tony Fichter called the meeting to order.

Pastor Steve opened the meeting with scripture and prayer.

**February 28, 2017 LC Minutes** were reviewed and accepted.

**April, Congregational Minutes** were reviewed and accepted.

**May, 2017 Leadership Council Meeting Minutes** were reviewed and accepted.

**Advancing the Mission:**

**Pastor Steve Hoffer**

Devoted one Sunday in June to teaching on each of the following: Exalt, Expand, Equip, Express. Will teach through the BLESS curriculum developed by the Covenant next. Lead church service at Roseau Manor. Completed premarital counseling with 2 couples. Conduct staff meetings weekly as a group and monthly 1:1 meetings. FPU will be offered this fall and also planning new Bible studies in the fall. Working with Reilly Stroot to do a Sermon this summer. Taking vacation June 28 - July 4, and July 24 - August 7. Bryan and Reilly will be preaching, and still working on who will be preaching August 6th. We will have a potluck dinner followed by a community Baptism at the City Park on August 30th. Working on process to meaningfully serve, and meaningfully connect with new attenders, current attenders, and members. Developed a New Event Request Form for the Trustees to review.

**Children and Family Pastor Kecia Stroot**

Ignite has been meeting at the church at 6:30 Wednesdays to eat and then head to the Westside Park to play games until 8:00pm during the summer. It has been raining the last few Wednesdays and we have had lower attendance. Last week, a couple 5th grade girls who were hanging out at the park joined us for games. We hope that our consistent presence on Wednesday night will help get the word out to others. We also hosted a Family Picnic at Westside Park for all our 4th - 6th grade families. Our next Family Picnic is planned for July 12.

On July 20th we hosted a Young Family Picnic in the City Park with 6 families in attendance. Parents visited, kids ran around, and we blew up a watermelon using rubber bands. The next Young Family picnic is scheduled for July 31st.

I will be the Storyteller at VBS. Darrin has volunteered to drive the church bus to shuttle kids from the WestSide Park to VBS and back again each night.

We are continuing to offer backpacks of food to families this summer. They pick up at the District Conference Room on Thursdays, but there has been a low turnout. A reminder letter went out to families that they can receive food during the summer months as well.

**Youth Director Bryan Dickson**

Youth group has been participating in Service Nights every other week during FUEL with lessons on the other nights. Students in grades 10-12 are invited to the Dickson house for HOUSE/Student Discipleship which meets every Monday. Youth group worship team has started up again with Grace leading. We are planning some worship/testimony nights with the youth group at First Baptist Church.

I have had some one-on-one meetings with youth at the church and done some counseling. We held a lock-in on June 2nd where we shared the Gospel and offered students the opportunity to know Christ personally.

Two of our students, Henry Sanford and McKayla Christiansen, attended Adventures In Leadership (AIL). They both reported having learned a lot and will start putting their leadership skills into practice.

Youth Leaders have met several times and will continue to meet to plan and learn how to minister to youth more effectively.

Parents Night Out has been a great CHIC fundraiser. We will start up again in the fall. Chores for CHIC is still going. The Silent auction was a success raising around \$4,000.00. We are planning a car wash this Friday at Sven and Ole's.

**Financial Report** was presented by Todd Peterson, Treasurer. The budget is a concern. Tony composed a letter addressed to the congregation regarding the budget and our current status. He will make the minor corrections suggested by the LC and have Kristine send it out.

#### **Trustee Board** *Dennis Ingold, Chair*

Last meeting was not well attended. Received request from CF Board to renovate the North side of the addition. Discussed the budget and money available for renovation. Will get some estimates and put some numbers together to see if the project is feasible, then present it to the Leadership Council.

#### **Deacon Board** *general update*

Two new members will be recommended at the next Congregational Meeting by the Deacon Board, Ida Mae Day and Phillis Braun. *Wild at Heart* Bible study is going on this summer. Our church is hosting a Beth Moore simulcast in October. Deacons for preparing food for the youth group this week.

#### **Mission and Outreach Board** *Darrin Smedsmo*

Helping Kristine with the R&R Tent at the fair. Jayden Acker is speaking in church on July 9th about her YWAM experience. Gave Bibles to Pineridge Indian Reservation and planning a mission trip to move the garage on August 20th. Fall Fest is October 29th with the Men's group coming from MN Teen Challenge. Celebrate Recovery started this week at the Community Church.

#### **Christian Formation Board** *Rachel Krahn, Chair*

Very busy time of year for the board preparing for VBS and planning for the fall. We are participating in the parade to advertise our VBS. CF Board will be preparing food for the youth group on July 12th. Proposed a renovation to the Trustees of the North side of the Sunday School addition. Talked about having Sunday School on Wednesday Night for adults and young kids with a nursery provided. A large room would make it feasible and allow for 6-8 small groups including a meal. Possible have one big event quarterly. This may be something to try after Christmas. Also discussed having Sunday worship first with Sunday School to follow. Sunday School volunteers are unavailable on the weekends and have a hard time committing. It was suggested that we reach out to Kara Stromberg to find out what other churches are doing and what's working well.

#### **Other Topics:**

Fair Tent - Need to get a check to the Fair Board for the tent and our Cert. of Ins. Kristine is the contact.

**Next meeting: Quarterly Congregational Meeting on Tuesday, August 29, 2017 @ 7:00 pm**

Darrin closed our meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Leadership Council Secretary*