

ROSEAU EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH
Leadership Council Meeting
March 28, 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

Present: Tony Fichter, Roger Helgeson, Steve Hoffer, Bryan Dickson, Kecia Stroot, Todd Peterson, Dave Anderson, Rachel Krahn, Darrin Smedsmo. Additional: Kristine Dickson.

Absent: Sheila Brinkman, Dennis Ingold

Chairman Tony Fichter called the meeting to order.

Roger Helgeson, chair of the Deacon Board, gave a devotion on Psalm 133 and led in prayer.

Kristine Dickson presented an idea for our church to put on an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 15th, at the West Side Park. She stated that she feels our church has an opportunity to reach out to the many trailer courts in our community. The Leadership council gave permission for Kristine to lead this event and coordinate the help needed. Invitations will be handed out door to door at the West Side Trailer court. Roger Helgeson will provide his tent for shelter. Kecia Stroot stated that she has a contact that could provide at least 500 plastic eggs. Kristine will use to the opportunity to present the gospel to the children who are present through using Resurrection Eggs. Kristine said she would put together a letter and submit it to the Roseau City Council asking for permission to hold this event at the West Side City Park. Any extra expenses can be taken out of the Church Mission account.

Tony Fichter reviewed the Adult Sunday School class he has been leading. The Topic was Advancing Our Mission. He handed out a summary of the discussion topics. LC discussed if it was necessary to make further organizational steps regarding a Vision Statement for our church. The consensus was that it is not necessary. We need to stay flexible to where God is leading us. For example; Parents Night Out started as a CHIC fundraiser, but is turning into somewhat of a ministry for families. Relational Evangelism is the key. Now we need to get out and do it.

Due to LC Secretary, Sheila Brinkman, being absent, the review of the Meeting Minutes from February 28, 2017, was tabled.

Pastoral reports:

Steve Hoffer -General activities continue: pre-marital counseling, mentoring, marriage counseling, weekly staff meetings and monthly one-to-one meetings; confirmation classes; monthly ministerial meetings; services at Roseau Manor and Oak Crest; preaching prep. Taking three classes this semester: one Covenant Orientation class and two classes at Bethel Seminary. Follow up to Connection Cards: membership; volunteering; following Christ; discipleship. Working on assimilation plan and database. Working on values for the 2017/2018 ministry season and thinking about doing Equip this year, and possibly doing Exalt for the 2018/2019 season. Our 125th Anniversary is in 2019. Working on Good Friday and Easter services.

Bryan Dickson - FUEL youth group did a Video Scavenger Hunt event on a Sunday afternoon. Parents Night Out will continue to be one Friday per month. This is an excellent CHIC fundraiser. So far we have 26 students registered for CHIC. There will be more fundraising coming such as; Chores for CHIC, which includes hiring a student for odd jobs, and a Board Sign making event at church. Coming up there will be a Nerf War night at church and the Bluewater Burger Bash. McKayla Christianson and Henry Sanford have been chosen to send to Adventures In Leadership this June. Bryan said he will also be doing some youth leader training in the near future.

Kecia Stroot - The Ignite group leaders have been more involved in leading the games each Wednesday afternoon. The Preschool through 6th grade Sunday School classes will be singing in church on Palm Sunday. The High School Sunday School students have started helping with opening exercises instead of having a

Sunday school class. Kecia and CF board member April Ingold will be attending the Orange Curriculum conference in Atlanta, Georgia, at the end of April. Kecia did an online training about Volunteers given by the Covenant Northwest Conference. Kecia is hoping to have a Marriage Ministry in place by this fall. The Food Backpack program is going well and is receiving donations. This program does not allow for expanding to High School students.

Church Treasurer Todd Peterson gave the **Financial Report** and handed out the monthly budget report dated March 3, 2017. Todd said that with the offerings and expenses for the month of March our budget is running short at this time. March 2017 was the first month paying full time salary for our Children and Family Pastor position.

Board Reports:

There was no report from the Pastoral Relations Committee or from the Trustee Board. The trustees did replace the faucet in the women's bathroom and that should take care of the smell from the dripping water.

Roger Helgeson reported the **Deacon Board** has had two new applications for membership. The Deacons interviewed Yvonne and Troy Wensloff and will be recommending them for membership at the next congregational meeting. A church attender who attends the Wednesday night prayer meetings talked to Roger and asked why there was no church leadership represented at these prayer meetings. There is a Deacon Board representative there each week. This was discussed and the LC board was encouraged to attend the Wednesday prayer meetings. The deacons were contacted by someone from the Jews for Jesus organization asking if they could come and do a Passover Feast demonstration; however, the suggested dates did not work.

Rachel Krahn reported the **Christian Formation Board** has committed to praying for Pastor Steve and the five 9th grade boys in the Confirmation class. The Bluewater Burger Bash and registration night will be at our church on Friday, March 31st. A representative from Bluewater Bible Camp will be at the event to meet people and answer questions. Tina Espe is the CF representative to the Bluewater committee. Traci Fichter is organizing this event along with Kecia and Bryan. The CF board will provide palm branches for the SS kids when they sing on Palm Sunday. Teacher Appreciation Sunday will be coming up on Sunday, May 7th. All Sunday School teachers, assistants, substitutes, Nursery and Children's Church volunteers will be honored during the service and a cake reception will follow the service. Vacation Bible School is being planned for July 23rd - July 27th. The theme this year is Galactic Surveyors. Juli Smedsmo is the director again.

The Northwest conference Annual meeting is on April 29th. The delegates will be Pastor Steve Hoffer, Tony Fichter and Traci Fichter. The upcoming Easter schedule will include a Good Friday service at 7:00pm, the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, and the men serving and Easter Breakfast on Sunday morning at 9:00am. On Sunday, April 23rd, a special Installation ceremony for our new Children and Family Pastor, Kecia Stroot, will be part of the Sunday morning service.

Tony handed out the definition of Pastor Emeritus. The LC Board has voted to bestow this honor to Pastor Joe Elick, but due to Joe's health concerns this has been delayed. Tony will talk with Pastor Joe about when this might take place. Tony handed out a RECC organizational chart for reference as to what committee is under each board. Corrections may be necessary. Tony also handed out RECC Policies and Guidelines including our Constitution and By-laws. He would like to compile past meeting minutes, policies, etc., so they are all in one place.

There will be a **Congregational meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 2017**. The next Leadership Council meeting will be on Tuesday, May 30, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

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(for Sheila Brinkman
Leadership Council Secretary)