

Roseau Evangelical Covenant Church
Leadership Council Meeting Minutes
May 30, 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: Tony Fichter, Pastor Steve, Pastor Kecia, Bryan Dickson, Dave Anderson, Todd Peterson, Dennis Ingold, Roger Helgeson, Darrin Smedsmo, Rachel Krahn, Kristine Dickson

Absent: Sheila Brinkman

Call to Order: Tony Fichter called the meeting to order and a quorum was declared.

Devotional: Roger Helgeson opened the meeting with scripture and prayer.

Meeting Minutes Review: The March 28, 2017 Leadership Council meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Advancing the Mission:

- Kristine Dickson presented an idea for having an RECC sponsored “rest tent” at the fair this year. The tent would include free water, children’s activities, baby changing and feeding space and some games. Many volunteers will be needed. The LC voted to approve a budget of \$3000 from the Church Mission Fund. The Pastoral Staff and Board Members are encouraged to assist in coordinating as well as participating in this event.
- Pastor Steve reviewed his regular monthly activities (i.e. sermon prep, staff meetings, pastoral care calls) including confirmation (5 graduates), pre-marital counseling (2 couples), seminary classes (3 completed this semester) and ministerial meetings. Denielle Reed has been hired as custodian. Attended the NWC annual meeting. Working on summer teaching series. July will be busy with wedding plans for Paul & Karina with a wedding in Minneapolis and a reception in Indonesia. Praying about mission related activities for the fall and an “assimilation process” for attendees.
- Bryan Dickson reported that several youth events were held towards the end of the school year. He had a leaders meeting/training and is recruiting new leaders. This summer they are having an in-depth Bible study for senior-high students. F.U.E.L. will continue to meet weekly and every other week we will have a service night. The summer schedule also includes a lock-in, VBS, an event during the fair, MUUUUCE, and several CHIC fundraisers. Henry Sanford and McKayla Christianson have been accepted for AIL in June.
- Pastor Kecia reported that Ignite starts its summer schedule tomorrow. Once a month they will host an Ignite family picnic at the Westside Park. She met with many couples and got ideas for ways we can support and encourage healthy marriages. There will be a picnic for young families at the City Park in June. The food backpack program at the school will continue through the summer. Encouraging women to attend Bluewater Women’s Retreat in June.

- Todd Peterson presented the May financials. YTD expenses through May are on track with budget. May offerings down significantly over Jan-Apr (\$4,000/week vs \$5,000/week). Financial support from members & regular attenders appears to be tied closely to attendance so as attendance drops in summer months so does financial support of the church. Discussion of sending letter from LC to members/regular attenders highlighting that the church needs to be supported throughout the year. Tony will prepare a draft of a letter for review at the next LC meeting.
- Dave Anderson announced that a PRC meeting is not currently scheduled but will take a look at getting a meeting on the calendar.
- Dennis Ingold reiterated that offerings consistently under budget with significant downturn in May. Will work with LC on a letter to the congregation. Discussed ongoing maintenance issues. Participated in the hiring of new custodian (compensation was changed to an hourly rate with a maximum of 10 hours per week). Pastor Kecia needs a desk which was budgeted.
- Roger Helgeson reported that the Deacons are meeting with two new applicants for membership.
- Darrin Smedsmo reported that the M&O Board is working on a VBS special project - Voice of the Martyrs Bibles for "Bibles Unbound". They are also coordinating a Haiti mission trip for end of December and Pine Ridge mission trip in August.
- Rachel Krahn gave an update regarding the Orange Conference Pastor Kecia and April Ingold attended. Other activities in May involved winding down Sunday school for the year, teacher appreciation, confirmation and graduation. Summer plans are for VBS, "safe children" training, and Bluewater.
- Tony Fichter reiterated the importance of focusing on the mission. All events, activities and programs should be evaluated and prioritized relative to their impact on the mission. We are a small church in a small community and our culture as a whole seems to be shifting away from the church as a priority. However, God can and will help us do great things for His kingdom if we are focused on the mission he has set before us and if we are wise stewards of the resources He has provided.

Next Meeting: Leadership Council Meeting - Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Submitted By: Tony Fichter