

ROSEAU EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

Congregational Quarterly Meeting

November 29, 2016

In Attendance: Pastor Steve and Mary,, Jan Carr-Herseth, Sheila Brinkman, Rob and Pastor Kecia Stroot, Rachel Krahn, Joe and Julie Elick, Darrin Smedsmo, Todd Peterson, Vicki Batten, Val Espe, Glen Johnson, Don and Dorris Miller, Bryan Dickson, Wade and Mary Beth Hruby,

Call to Order: *Jan Carr, Chair*

October 25, 2016 Leadership Council Meeting Minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Scriptural Introduction was given by *Pastor Steve Hoffer*

Pastor/Director Reports:

Pastor Steve Hoffer: Celebrated 29th wedding anniversary; Confirmation, counseling, and monitoring all going well; Staff reviews are almost complete; Raised \$5846.00 from the Fall Fest; Shipped out 201 Christmas shoe boxes; There will be two Christmas Eve services at 4:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m., and a Christmas day service.

Responses came back on how we should fulfill our mission statement and were grouped into six main categories starting with the most popular: 1) Meeting needs, 2) Building relationships, 3) Sharing the Gospel, 4) Our witness to others, 5) Praying, and 6) Inviting people to church.

Pastor Kecia Stroot: IGNITE has 15 students on average attending. Going out collecting for food shelf tomorrow night. *Put a Bow On It* is the topic for December. The Backpack Program is helping 40+ kids in grades K-3. Letters introducing the Backpack Program went out to grades 4-6 at conferences.

Youth Director Bryan Dickson: FUEL is starting *What Jesus Birth Means* in December. Will be caroling on the 21st. CHIC is serving the Adult Christmas dinner on the 4th, and is offering a Parents Night Out on the 9th from 5:00-10:00 pm. On the 11th, FUEL is doing a progressive dinner and exchanging gifts afterward at the church. The All City Youth is planning their annual ski trip on the 17th. Release time is not meeting for the month of December and will resume in January.

Committee Reports:

PRC: *Tony Fichter, Chair* Working on finishing the 360 Review for Pastor Steve

Nominating Committee: *Jan Carr, Chair* Meeting tomorrow. Just a few positions left to fill.

PSC: *Tony Fichter, Chair* A few applicants came in late and will be doing a phone interviews. Hopes to have the Children and Family Ministry position filled by January 1st.

Technology Committee: Updating our computers at some point was mentioned. Wade Hruby suggested that we should look into leasing computers. Will look into.

Board Reports:

Mission and Outreach Report: *Darrin Smedsmo, Chair* 201 Christmas shoe boxes were gathered and shipped out. Yearly Christmas gifts went out to our missionaries. The money raised for Fall Fest went to Faith in Action in Haiti. Rob stated that they raised enough money to get the roof back on after the hurricane damage and finish up three classrooms. He also had a friend donate which will allow them to complete a fresh water project and build a new church for the school and community.

Christian Formation Board Report: *Rachel Krahn, Chair* The Sunday School honored Sheldon Espe for his many years in service after learning what *honor* means. Hosted The Peanuts Movie and served popcorn donated by the Roseau Theater on Thanksgiving weekend. Kristine Dickson of working on the Christmas program and has opportunities to help. Chrissy Wahlberg is teaching Adult Sunday School in December. Looking for a January teacher for 5 weeks.

BlueWater Bible Camp Committee *Traci Fichter* Camp is putting in a new well and funds are will needed for the Welcome Center. The committee is in need of people to join them.

Deacon Board Report: *Nathan Acker, Chair (given by Traci Fichter)* The Sunday night child care costs during CBE (Covenant Bible Experience) were paid by the Deacon Board with the money going to CHIC.

Trustee Board Report: *Rob Stroot, Chair* Contracted out R&Q for winter plowing. There are a few more DOT requirements to take of on the Bluewater bus

Treasurer's Report: *Todd Peterson, Treasurer* Report was reviewed and accepted.

Budget Discussion: *Rob Stroot, Chair* Rob proposed three options for our Capital budget: 1) Doing something with the library. Asked if we needed it or if anyone has missed it. Suggested putting together a committee for this, 2) Purchase office furniture for Children and Family Ministry office, 3) Purchase more furniture for the Fellowship Hall, possible a coffee bar with tables and chairs or a fireplace with couches.

There was some discussion on whether we should have another meeting in December regarding the budget and the new full-time position.

Next Meeting: Congregational Annual Meeting: January 18, 2017 7:00 PM