

River Table Meeting

1.16.19 - River of Hope Offices - 6:00 p.m.

God's purpose for River of Hope

We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

Guiding Principles

disciple = learn

God is God and we are not.

We are called to grow together as disciples: to forgive, to teach, to love

Disciples are inspired by the Holy Spirit to take risks.

Disciples work for God's justice.

Disciples serve with no strings attached.

Disciples invite and welcome through loving acceptance.

We meet you where you are.

Purpose Heart

Hope Floats!

Present: Clara Dobratz-Student Representative, Scott Gross, Sue Benson-Treasurer, Mike Weisenberger-President, Sarah Shorter, John Paulsen, Pastor Laura Aase, Kelly Johnson-Secretary

1. Welcome new members: Scott, Sarah, and John
2. Highs and lows- shared by all
3. What have you been reading in scripture that has you encouraged, dug in, confused, interested, discouraged...?
4. Pray for each other's highs and lows
5. Elect Vice-President and Secretary for new year
 - a. President: Mike Weisenberger
 - b. Vice President: Scott Gross-Sand
 - c. Secretary: Kelly Johnson
6. Event Center contract: (yearly renewal)
 - a. Reviewed the contract proposed.
 - b. It has been budgeted for by the Financial Board
7. Reading of *Canoeing the Mountains* by Tod Bolsinger
 - a. This is a book study that the River Table members will participate in.
 - b. The book will be read and discussed March, April and May
 - c. Part I and II will be discussed thoroughly in March
8. Retreat on February 9th, 2019
 - a. 9am - 3pm Location: TBD
 - b. Lead by a Tom Jenkins, a pastor in the Metro, a friend of Laura.
 - c. Vision and River Table members will be present
 - d. Retreat Focus: Purpose of the tables, goals for the year, get-to-know each other

Looking into the Future:

This section is not necessarily an action item for each meeting rather discuss or ideas or topics that we need to keep on the forefront.

1. Steady Eddy Retreat: Common theme was we need to focus on the youth
 - a. How do we draw in the young children and young families?
 - b. What kind of questions do we ask? What do other churches offer for the youth? What would it look at River of Hope?
 - c. There was a group of members who have met to discuss how we work with the youth currently and how to keep youth activities and youth involved?

2. Riverpalooza - championed by River Table as a way for our congregation to celebrate; chili cook off, bread baking competition, Minute-To-Win-It games, other ways we can celebrate and “play” together. This is just ideas of possibilities of how Riverpalooza could look. This has been tabled for later discussions.

3. Create a task force to look at existing spaces in Hutchinson and compare space, usefulness, cost of how we have office and worship space now
 - a. Sue has created a document that can be used for any future comparisons, if a building were every available as a possible rental.

Next Meeting: February 9, 2019 from 9am - 3pm, Location TBD

Action Items: Read Read Chapters 1-6 by March meeting and complete the study guide.