

River Table Minutes for August 10, 2021

River Table met via Zoom on August 10, 2021, at 6 pm. Kris Hartman, Kurt Schulz, Charlie Hartman and Andrew Weisenberger were unable to attend.

We opened our meeting by sharing highs and lows. Vicar Hans led us in devotions sharing writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Gerhard Frost.

Pastor's Report

- Welcoming Week (nationwide) is from September 9 to September 19. Hutchinson's event Belonging Begins with Us will be Sunday, September 12, from noon to 4pm with the Sounds of Hope concert from 1:00 to 2:30. This is also the same day as God's Work, Our Hands. R of H will also host a community discussion of the book A Good Time for the Truth on Tuesday 10/5, 11/2 and 12/7 at the Hutchinson Center of the Arts.
- Nan Crary and Vicar Hans are interviewing for an office administrator.
- Driveway Communion will be at Bedards at 5:15 pm on Wednesday, August 11. The service will be for 15 to 20 minutes and we are invited to reach out to invite friends and neighbors.
- Vicar Hans presented a grant opportunity with a cohort of 50 US ELCA congregations involved in monthly training and consulting on how to reach out to new people. R of H will submit the initial application and a short video to see if we are selected to participate.
- R of H has an antiquated phone system. This will be brought up at the Financial Table to see if an upgrade is in order.
- Discussion was held on more individuals able to help with video for online worship.

Financial Report by Sue Benson

July income was \$12,700 – barely enough to cover salaries although we had a 2 week overlap with Pastor Kayla’s vacation and Vicar Hans starting on July 1. Our Simply Giving has dropped below 50 units.

COVID

COVID Folding Table will be meeting on Wednesday, August 11. R of H will encourage members to wear masks during worship. Ushers will be happy to space family groups who desire more distance.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 14, at 6 pm.

River Table closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Portia Brandsoy