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River Table Meeting: Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. by Zoom

Opening Prayers

Discussion of Chapter 3 from Giving to God

Continuing Business

Approval of minutes from last month's River Table meeting

Financial Report- Arlyn

Discussion of Table Reports - In order as presented in emailed document

Pastor's Report

Planning congregation meeting for new building options. Best way to update congregation on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Come up with a list of strengths and weaknesses. Some people will inevitably be disappointed, but we are the church. How do we keep connected through a possible change?

How should we gather congregational opinion at this meeting? Should we create a aggregate document so everyone in the congregation can see each other's thoughts.

New Business

COVID procedures—With mandates being lifted elsewhere, how do we want to approach the changing landscape of Covid as cases decrease? Should the Covid table meet again? Thoughts? Wording for updated policy?

Worshiping at Good Courage Farm for Pentecost on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Is everyone okay with this?

Closing - Lord's Prayer

Next meeting - Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>- Time?

**River Table Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, February 8, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by President Angie.

- Present: Angie Bedard, President
- Katie Weisenberger, Vice President
- Jerry Lindberg, Secretary
- Arlyn DeBruyckere, Treasure
- Nina Appleby
- Jeannette Krommenhoek
- Kurt Schultz
- Pastor Hans

In lieu of highs and lows Pastor Hans led a discussion regarding Chapter Two of the book "Giving To God".

**Secretary Minutes:**

Everyone acknowledged receiving the minutes from the January meeting. There were no additions or corrections. Curt moved to approve, Jeannette second. Motion passed.

**Financial Report:**

Arlyn presented the report. Revenue to date in January was \$15,667.97. Expenses to date were \$16,746.79. There was discussion regarding the fact that we can not operate in a deficit indefinitely. It was noted that both amounts were less than our beginning of the year budget.

Curt asked the expense item to Payroll Services. Arlyn noted they are a company we hire to assist with our bookkeeping.

Arlyn noted that some members made some very generous contributions which helped last year. He also noted it is difficult to count on that every year. At a minimum each of the 101 givers will need to be encouraged to increase giving by 3%.

The book we are studying "Giving to God" recommends taking our total annual expenses and dividing by the number of givers, just to give people a better idea of what is needed to continue to exist.

**Reports from other Tables:**

Following our new policy, each Table is asked to provide minutes of their meetings to Hans. These were emailed to all River Table members prior to the meeting. Katie discussed some of the highlights from the Faith Formation Table meeting. Discussions about alternatives to traditions Sunday School and about the many events and Camps that are scheduled. She did note that the tubing event has been canceled due to poor attendance in the past.

She also noted that the We Go Out Table and the Faith Foundation Table will trade off meetings every other month.

**Old Business:**

Hans and Jerry gave a brief summary regarding our search for a new worship location. John Paulson arranged for a visit to 101 Park Place. Hans and Jerry have also toured the space. This space would need some remodeling to meet our requirements. No cost information is available at this time.

We also met with Pastor Jill Warner and Jean Ostrum at New Journey UCC. A very positive tour and visit.

Hans and Jerry have a meeting scheduled at Vineyard Methodist Thursday, February 10th.

We will not approach any other churches until we have evaluated these two.

The Facilities Folding Table (?) have a zoom meeting scheduled for February 23rd. A special River Table meeting will be held at 7:00 Feb. 24th to bring everyone up to date. Hans suggested that the Vision Table be included in the meeting. An in person presentation to update the congregation will be held Sunday March 13 following the regular service with a follow up zoom presentation for those unable to attend.

**New Business & Pastors Report:**

Hans reported that Mary Berger has turned in her keys and will not be able to continue to be with us. Hans noted that our secretary position is a difficult one. No clear boundaries. Also very little interaction with others. Allen Gislason has volunteered to come in once a week either Tuesday or Wednesday to help fill the void. So that our bills are paid on time we need a second check signer because Emile is not in the office most of the time. Hans suggested Allan.

Jerry made a motion To remove Mary as a second check signer and to add Allan Gislason. Curt seconded and the motion passed. It was noted that all checks are to be signed by two approved individuals. Arlyn will always sign.

Pastor Hans said he is looking forward to Lent. Services will be held at the office / hotel lobby. A combined Ash Wednesday service will be held at Vineyard. New Journey will also share this service.

Hans has reviewed some of the Covid concerns with the Covid Table. In person gathering will continue. We are also brainstorming a way to set up the kids play area in a COVID safe manner and how to return to a more normal communion.

The next River Table meeting will be March 8, 2022. Unless notified otherwise it will be a zoom meeting at 6:00.

Jerry Lindberg, River Table Secretary

# **WAM Minutes from Feb. 9, 2022**

## **Planning for Lent / Holy Week / Easter 2022**

**Members present:** Ruth Hamlow, Hans Peterson, Portia Brandsoy, Sara Nelson, Jenny Tillmann, Louis Bedard, Ben Pollmann, Jim Nelson

We discussed the plans for Ash Wednesday worship March 2 – combined with VUM, BUM, NJUCC at Vineyard UMC

**Lenten Sundays** – We discussed what we have done in past years: (March 6= first Sunday of Lent). The WAM table approved that the special offering for Lent will go to Common Cup, and Bev Bonte will be speaking at our worship service on March 6. We discussed that a creative way to pray during Lent would be using our chalkboards and our “Velcro” wall. We talked about having a creative way to hear scripture during Lent, perhaps videos or skits. (Jim and Hans will decide)

**Wednesdays in Lent** – Worship in this space March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6. Jim will check with Kris to make sure we can have the space and that candle use is OK. Jim and Hans will decide about music and the mural for these services. Taking the mural apart was discussed, and Jim and Hans will decide.

**Palm Sunday** – April 10 – Worship at HEC. Hans will coordinate the purchase of Palms

**Maundy Thursday** – April 14 We discussed this combined worship with VUM, BUM, NJUCC at Vineyard. A special Men’s choir has been formed and Jim is trying to get members of ROH to participate.

### **Good Friday – April 15**

Our Good Friday plan so far is to worship on our own at HEC or in this lobby.

**Easter - April 17** We discussed what we have done past years for Easter.

ONE Worship Service @ 10:30.

We will try to secure HEC to set up for Worship on Friday, April 19

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We talked about sending home plastic easter eggs with kids during lent and asking them to fill with coins as we collect \$ for Common Cup. We may "hide" some of these on Easter Sunday?

Jim will organizing Easter Brass and bring Alleluia Ribbons

**Other Agenda items that we discussed:**

Outdoor worship services this summer? The table felt this is a good idea. 2-3 times during the summer

Beer and Hymns outdoor: WAM is also in favor of this providing our Band is wanting to play

Update on where we will be worshipping after HEC is no longer available. We discussed some options including worshipping at another church or trying to secure a different building to rent.

We discussed going back to our "regular" way of Communing if the COVID numbers continue to go down and if Brian Pollmann feels that it will be OK.

We also discussed bringing back the Prayground, and as long as we are using disinfectant and Brian gives the OK, the WAM table is in favor of this as well.

## Special River Table / Vision Table Meeting

Meeting was by Zoom at 7:00 PM, February 24, 2022

A special meeting was held so the temporary Facility Table could report on their investigations regarding a new place of worship for RoH.

Present - River Table:     Angie Bedard, President  
                                  Kate Weisenberger, Vice President  
                                  Arlyn DeBruyckere, Treasurer  
                                  Nina Appleby  
                                  Jeannette Krommenhoek  
                                  Kurt Schultz  
                                  Pastor Han  
                                  Jerry Lindberg, Secretary

Present - Vision Table:    Ron Johnson  
                                  Dale Brandsoy  
                                  Elaine Quale  
                                  Jim Nelson

Angie called the meeting to order. Pastor Hans opened with a prayer.

Pastor Hans asked that we proceed first with a short discussion regarding "Where are we at", "Where are we going" and "What Makes Us RoH". Several comments generally about how we welcome all and am willing to accept and include everyone in our worship. We are concerned about those who are or feel they are on the fringe of society.

The Facilities Table consists of Pastor Hans, John Paulsen, Scott Hansen and Jerry Lindberg.

Jerry gave a short overview of the search progress so far. We have visited with Vineyard Methodist and New Journey UCC. Both churches seem eager to explore the possibility of facility sharing. Both could provide what we call our must have list. New Journey is smaller and the office space would most likely not be accessible. Vineyard has a larger worship space and basement space to accommodate an accessible office area.

We have also visited with the new owners about the basement space at 101 Park Place. This space would appear to work for us and be remodeled per our needs. Cost and the timeline of availability are not known.

A second private space is possible at the Call Center building on the far east side of Hutchinson. John Paulsen has had some communications with them but we have not visited the building. With either of the two private options we would experience costs with remodeling for our needs and chairs, furniture etc.

Monthly costs at any of these possible locations have not been discussed. This will be investigated as soon as possible.

Hans asked for comments. Several mentioned the importance of RoH maintaining it's identity. Also the importance of flexibility and scheduling if we decide on teaming with another church. Arlyn noted the importance of monthly costs given our current financial situation.

It was noted that we will present our progress following our regular worship on March 13th.

Following a prayer the meeting was adjourned.

Jerry Lindberg, River Table Secretary



## Faith Formation Meeting

1/24/2022

Present: Pastor Hans, Kris Hartman, Katie Weisenberger, Ron Johnson, Krista Picha, Kris Dobratz

### Check-Ins

1. We checked in with our highs and lows and Pr. Hans shared a reading from Colossians 3:12
2. Katie shared a case study from the book *Let's Kill Sunday School*
  - a. West Fargo church (quite large)
  - b. Uses G.I.F.T. model for an intergenerational service in addition to their regular Sunday service
  - c. Reminds her of Headwaters, but with all parents present
  - d. It would include Faith 5 time, and then take home information for "home huddles"
  - e. We discussed what this could look like at RoH
    - i. Faith 5 Ideas: small group ministry, like ECFE for Headwaters, more Intergenerational ministry for the fall
3. Mary in the office is updating our youth lists
4. Family Events
  - a. February 20—Skate and Soup at Park Elementary rink, 11:30am
  - b. Discussed HAY snow tubing; decided to skip this year due to lack of interest
5. Camp
  - a. Camp of the Cross specialty camp: several campers going
  - b. Amnicon: room for 10, several signed up already
  - c. Bilingual VBS opportunity with mission start in Belle Plaine
6. HAY Ministries Unity event coming up: April 20 @ Riverside

### Closing Prayers

Next meeting: Tues., March 15 @6:30pm