

River Table Meeting: Tuesday, April 12th, 6:00 p.m. by Zoom

Opening Prayers

Continuing Business

Approval of minutes from last month's River Table Meeting

Financial Report – Arlyn

Discussion of Table Reports

Pastor's Report

New Business

Mission – Communication- Resources – telling a persuasive story, growing leaders and generous members

Communion

Vision Table Joining meeting at 6:45

Search for a new building-

Review of congregation survey and Laura's comments

What's our next step

Timing

Closing - Lord's Prayer

Next meeting - Tuesday, May 11th - Time?

River Table Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, March 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
Nina Appleby
Jeanette Krommenhoek
Kurt Schultz
Pastor Hans
Andrew Weisenberger, Youth Representative

Pastor Hans opened with a prayer.

In lieu of highs and lows Pastor Hans led a discussion of chapter 3 from the book "Giving to God". Discussed what we treasure and how we spend our money and how it affects our heart. Hans asked us to think about what this means to RoH as we need a 9% increase in giving.

Secretary Minutes:

Everyone acknowledged receiving the minutes by email. Minutes were approved.

Financial Report:

Arlyn was not able to attend. Up to date financial information is included in the weekly online newsletter.

Pastors Report:

Hans will email us a copy of a letter that Brian Tillman has drafted regarding our giving needs. He will also like to see three individuals talk at three services regarding what they take away from the Book "Giving to God". Katie has volunteered to speak on chapter one.

Reports from other Tables:

WAM Table Meeting:

Mask wearing requirements at our worship services were discussed as were returning safely to a more standard communion and the childrens play area.

To mask or not: River of Hope leadership encourages everyone to decide whether to wear a mask at worship per their comfort level according to the new CDC guidelines. We will continue

to monitor CDC statistics weekly for McLeod County and adjust our recommendations accordingly.

Returning to a more traditional communion: It was agreed that we could return to a more traditional bread and wine communication provided we take safety precautions. Discussed pouring wine (juice) into individual containers and handing out bread with either gloves or use of hand sanitizer. Hand sanitizer will be available before and after serving an individual. Those who are not comfortable can continue with the individual communion containers we have been using. Hans will review with others as well.

Hans updated the Table regarding Sunday's service. We continue to not be able to meet at the Event Center. This Sunday we will worship at Art Place in downtown Hutchinson.

We are scheduled to have a slightly shorter service and have a congregational meeting following the service regarding our search for a new worship space. Hans reviewed a "pros and con" PowerPoint presentation he will use. There was discussion regarding asking if anyone has questions or comments. Because some folks are not comfortable speaking up, Katie suggested providing a paper copy of the presentation and encouraging people to write any comments or concerns they may have. We do need to understand the congregation's feelings. At this point we have three possible options. Vineyard, New Journey and 101 Park Place. This Sunday's service at Art Place will also provide a possible option.

Discussion New Business:

It was noted that March 18th is the deadline for letting River Song know if we'll have our Root Beer float tent this year. In the past the proceeds have gone to McLead County Alliance. Could the proceeds go to our youth ministries? The cost in the past has been about \$270 plus a fee for electricity. Ron Johnson has championed this in the past and we will check with him.

Hans reviewed his plans for vacation time. He plans to spend time with family in Spain for two weeks in the summer. He also has a grant to attend a preaching festival in April or May. He will post his vacation plans and dates on the RoH web page.

June 5th we will worship the pentecost along with New Journey at the Good Courage Farm.

The next regular scheduled meeting would be the second Tuesday in April, April 12th.

Jerry Lindberg, River Table Secretary

River of Hope – Budget Report

March 2022

- Net Cash Flow/Bottom Line = + \$14,417 (includes one yearly donation of \$14,000)
- Acct Balances: Checking = \$36,978 End of March Savings = \$52,941

- Combined Checking + Savings = \$89,919

- Simply Giving/Offering/QCD Income
 - Total = \$32,959 (\$15,163 over Monthly Budget) ** Includes a yearly donation of \$14,000, \$2,329 over budget if the \$14,000 is divided by 12.

 - Simply Giving – Total Members = 48 (+1) ♣ 2 increases

 - Other Income
 - ♣ Common Cup \$340 – Total for lent \$1,547
 - ♣ Laundry Love = \$129
 - ♣ Erin’s Kids = \$305

- Expenses
 - Total = \$20,582 (estimated – missing details for staff and event center)

 - ♣ Staff/Worship/Reaching Out/Hospitality/Discipleship
 - Worship Space estimated \$2000 (Art’s Place \$500, Event Center estimated \$1,500)
 - Staff estimated \$10,465
 - ♣ Office \$4,064
 - ♣ Giving Money Away

 - • SWMN Synod = \$3396 (up due to higher monthly offering)
 - • Laundry Love = \$200

Faith Formation Meeting

3/15/2022

Present: Pastor Hans, Katie Weisenberger, Kris Hartman

1. We tabled the report on the case study from *Let's Kill Sunday School* (Kris H.) until next time when more members are able to be present
2. April 20 will be the HAY Ministries Unity Night @Riverside Church (6:30pm)
 - a. See if there is interest from our older youth in attending. Perhaps go out for supper first before going to the event with Pr. Hans.
3. We planned an APRIL EVENT for Faith Formation:
 - a. Wednesday, April 27–Intergenerational GAME NIGHT with pizza fundraiser
 - b. 6:00 Pizza dinner/fundraiser at the Event Center (Hans will help take care of ordering)
 - c. We need helpers to take care of getting veggies/fruit and cookies/bars along with set up
 - d. 6:30 Game Night will begin (encourage people to bring board, card, and dice games along)
 - e. Advertise as INTERGENERATIONAL, hoping for a big diverse group
4. May 4 Headwaters (Last one for this school year)
 - a. Headwaters 5-6pm
 - b. Dinner 6-6:30pm w/ update on the Fall schedule
 - c. Worship @6:30
 - d. Confirmation to follow
5. Headwaters in the Fall
 - a. Looking at going to 2 nights a month
 - b. Also looking at switching worship from 15 minutes to 30 minutes and including more components (involving the kids)
6. Faith Formation Retreats
 - a. Hans has ideas for having some Faith Formation retreats next year for learning opportunities about Communion, Lord's Prayer, etc.
7. August VBS–Bilingual Bible Camp
 - a. August 1-5 in Belle Plaine
 - b. Attendees could stay overnight and camp at Hans' if they wanted to
 - c. May plan other events that week in the area such as Valleyfair

Next meeting: WEDNESDAY, May 11 @7:00pm