

River Table Meeting
Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2022, 6:00pm

1. Welcome new members: **Sandy Tracy, Gerry Connell, Nancy Redetzke**

2. Highs and lows

3. Opening prayer

4. Continuing Business
 - Approval of minutes from last month's River Table Meeting

 - Financial Report -Budget for presentation at Riverpalooza

 - Review of Table Reports

 - Pastor's Report

5. New Business
 - Retreat Saturday 9am-1pm January 14
 - We could carpool to Hans's house in the morning. (Stop for coffee first?)
 - Hans will coordinate community building through making pizzas for lunch.
 - Katie will bring games.

 - Designate River Table members to sit as representation on other tables
 - Vision Table: **Katie**
 - We Go Out: **Sandy**
 - Stewardship: **Arlyn**
 - Faith Formation: **Nina?**
 - Personnel:
 - Worship and Music (WAM):
 - Gathering:

6. Closing: Lord's Prayer

7. Next meeting: Saturday, Jan 14?

River Table Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, November 8, 2022

Meeting was held with Zoom. President Angie called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

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

Not Present: Kurt Schultz

Everyone shared some highs and lows. Lots of comments regarding the weather, voting and deer hunting with an automobile.

Pastor Hans opened the meeting with a prayer and a brief health report.

Angie asked if there were any questions or additions to the October minutes as previously emailed to everyone. Jeanette moved to approve the minutes and Nina second. Passed.

Financial Report:

Arlyn gave his report. A copy was emailed to everyone in advance. He noted we are in good shape with over \$9000 positive cash flow. Our 2021 budget projected a \$20,000 deficit and it now looks like we will end the year on a positive note.

Arlyn is working with others from the Personnel Table on the 2023 budget. Among other changes there will be a budget line item for Guest Pastors and Common Cup. Our line item for Laundry Love will also increase.

The two savings accounts balance is \$44,182 and \$52,994

Review of other Table Reports:

Pastor Hans previously emailed everyone a copy of the minutes from the Parish Personnel Table, Gather Table, Vision Table and We Go Out Table. There were no questions but comments about lots of good work being done.

There have been discussions regarding the fact that the watering can donations can be designated to places other than Laundry Love as we are making more than our commitment to them.. Sara Pollmann and Rod Riewer are looking into some options. There are many both local and global. We Go Out and the Stewardship Table will make recommendations.

Pastors Report:

A written report was emailed to everyone in advance of the meeting.
Hans noted he is pleased to have the place of worship established for the year.

Hans is looking for ideas for a youth mission trip next summer. Andrew thought high school age would work best. Need not be a RoH member. Looking at the "Serve Boldly" program through Green Lake Bible Camp. Dates were discussed. Katie and Andrew noted that summer baseball will conflict at times. No dates have been established.

Discussion / Business:

Angela Denker will visit Hutchinson on January 22nd to talk about her book "Red State Christians" the book is about her study of the christian nationalism movement. She charges \$500 plus mileage. Hans will approach others to share the expense but feels it would be helpful if RoH could commit to \$200. Arlyn made the motion to authorize \$200 from our church budget for this cost. Jerry second. Motion passed.

It was again noted that Angie, Kurt, Andrew and Jerry will be leaving the River Table. Potential new Table members were discussed. Sandy Tracy and Jerry Connell were two names mentioned. We will continue to look for possible new table members.

Nina asked about the size of our membership. No exact number was given. It was noted that recently our worshipping numbers have been between 70 and 80 and larger some Sundays.

Riverpalooza is coming up November 20th. Hans and Jim are working on the program. We will be welcoming 12 new members and 6 who recently joined. Our 2023 budget will be presented.

Hans has been looking into and leading discussions into RoH participating in the "Reconciling in Christ" program that recognizes churches that publicly declare their welcoming of everyone. We are already noticed for doing that. More discussion to follow including how to introduce this to the congregation.

Following the Lord's Prayer the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be the second Tuesday in December.

Jerry Lindberg, River Table Secretary

Parish Personnel Table

3:15 p.m. Nov. 15, 2022

1. Members attending: Nan Crary, Heather Goodrich, Brian Pollmann, and Pastor Hans at Heather's home.
2. **Check-in with Pastor Hans:** The 2023 budget document being prepared for Riverpalooza on Nov. 20 was discussed.
3. **Congregational feedback to Pastor Hans:** results of the survey sent to the congregation members (Jim Nelson, Julie Lofdahl, Emily Heilman, Angie Bedard, Ben Pollmann, Tiffany Barnard, Dale Brandsoy, Allen Gislason, John Paulsen, Kay Halstrom, Justin Rodeberg and Sara Shorter) were reviewed.
4. **New table members:** Angie Bedard has expressed interest in joining the parish personnel table.
5. Meeting was adjourned.
6. **Next meeting:** a meeting date will be set in late January or February.

Respectfully submitted by Nan Crary, Chair

Faith Formation Meeting
11/8/2022

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

1. Christmas Eve

1. Crafts for kids (ornament)—Kris Dobratz
2. Story time w/Santa—Alan Gislason
3. Use the costumes—involve kids in the service

2. Camp Discussion

- a. HS mission trip to Chicago or Milwaukee
- b. Possibly last week of June or end of July
- c. Run by Green Lake Bible Camp, "Serve Boldly"

3. Headwaters Update (Katie)

- a. Planning going well
- b. Food working out well

4. New Members for Faith Formation Table??

- a. Ideas: Jodi Kleindl, Tiffany or Blake Barnard, Carla or Aaron Weikle, Jen Hansen, Sue Peters

5. Riverpalooza

- a. Katie will give update to congregation on Faith Formation Table and Headwaters
- b. F.F. Table members will come up front and help with a song/hand motions for kids

6. Fundraisers (Youth/Camp)

- a. Ideas: Culvers, Dominos, Bingo, Talent Night, Work/Spring Cleaning

7. JANUARY BINGO NIGHT

- a. Wednesday, Jan. 25 @Event Center, 6:30-8:00pm
- b. Bring "white elephant" gifts like last year
- c. Emily—bingo caller??
- d. Food??

Next meeting: Wed. Jan. 11 @ 6:30pm

River of Hope Stewardship Table Meeting Agenda/Minutes

November 11.10.22 pm via Zoom

Our meetings center around the promise of God saving and loving the world.

Our purpose: We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

Our Guiding Principles: Remembering that “disciple” means learner.

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.

Agenda Items

- I. What have you been reading in scripture that has you intrigued and/or Share Good News!
- II. Financial Update – Arlyn DeBruyckere
- III. Riverpalooza
 - a) Finalize Details of hand-outs and Presentation
 - b) Story Telling in weeks ahead and after (Andy Evenson, Sue/Nate, Kay Halstrom)
 - (1) What does ROH mean to you? What do you give to ROH? What excites you about this community of Faith.
- IV. *Giving Tree Update for Advent – Renee/Sue*
- V. *Counting Schedule*

November: Renee/Sue

December: Brian/Rod

January: Andy/

Minutes from 11.11.22 Present, Arlyn DeBruyckere, Renee Koltarz, Rod Riewer, Pastor Hans, Brian Tillmann and Andy Evenson

Financial update: General summary provided through October. Budget projections for end of year, apx \$9.5K ahead versus \$16K deficit projected. Contributors, more individual Charitable distributions and Simply Giving up year over year. Budget proposed considerations for 2023 include line item additions for : Headwaters, Common Cup, Guest/Supply Preachers.

Quick Trip Card Fundraiser for Youth Activities: Still need to sell about half of the cards. Quick Trip changing the program for 2023, so not as lucrative of a fundraiser moving forward will likely discontinue.

Riverpalooza Prep: Finalize proposed budget, email budget and slides in advance of 11.20 service to encourage advance questions shared, print budget and slide Summary from Stewardship Table. Arlyn will provide

Bank Account balance to add to 4 year view, as well as finalize budget draft documents. Brian Tillmann will finalize the hand-out and use some of the information for Slide Presentation.

Draft of Time/Talent survey provided. Renee and Sue will finalize, to be distributed at RiverPalooza on Nov 20th. ROH members encouraged to share what it is they can bring to our church community. (who is interested in what?) Andy shared examples of software program tied into finance program to track people's interests.

Story Telling in weeks ahead. What excites you about this community of Faith – what does ROH mean to you and how do you give? Sue/Nate 11.12, Andy Evenson, Kay Hulstrom)

Watering Can: Rod met with Sara Polman to create recommended community giving project list and possibility of specific themes throughout each month. (currently most designated for Laundry Love, but considerations for additional local, national, worldly needs and diversification) Discussed possibly using Watering Can to carry over themes for Headwaters on the first and third Tuesday of the month. (Common Cup, HOMES, United Community Action, Laundry Love, McLeod Domestic Violence Alliance, Operation Hope, Erin's Kids, Habitat for Humanity, 2BContinued, United Way, Special Olympics, Beyond the Yellow Ribbon, Heart of MN Animal Shelter)

Next Meeting: January 24th at 6pm via Zoom.

WAM Minutes – November 9, 2022

Members present: Jim Nelson, Sara Nelson, Ruth Hamlow, Jenny Tillmann, Linda Remucal, Portia Brandsoy, Rachel Stearns, Louis Bedard

We began by Sharing highs and lows

Item # 1 – Time and Talent Sheet. See the other side and give feedback:

Group mentioned that we should purchase a new Vacuum for our new responsibilities at HEC.

Also, WAM members thought that some explanation should be given to some of the things that people in the know are aware of...like why do we give headlamps to confirmands, why call it Riverpalooza, why do we fling water at congregation during confirmation.

WAM members thought that we needed to give more money to Laundry Love and that we should consider partnering with UCC as they are serving 1 meal a month to people in community.

Item #2 – How is worship going – feedback

WAM members said that it is good to know where we will be in January.

Three members mentioned that they would prefer more familiar music and not always new.

One member mentioned that they would prefer not so much in Spanish.

It was brought up that some in congregation would prefer having music printed off like we used to so they could see the notes.

We discussed how to help those who are having a hard time hearing our worship service. Jim is going to look into using a monitor speaker and Ruth is going to look into something that the community theatre uses.

Item #3 – How can we create a more permanent worship space that can also serve as Headwaters / Confirmation space. But also, be able to be taken down 5 times per year.

Perhaps we can purchase Fabric Stain glass windows or other items that could be on Velcro wall.

We could do more “seasonal” things like the produce that we had in the fall

Item #4 – Christmas Eve worship

Crafts before worship service = Kris Dobratz

Snacks before worship = Ruth Hamlow

Costumes = Carol Crage

Do we need a caroling group – YES: Pollmann’s agreed!

Respectively submitted by Jim Nelson

We Go Out Agenda

11-21-22

In attendance: Sara Pollmann, Nan Crary, Kay Halstrom, Sandy Tracy, Pastor Hans

Prayer–Sara P. led us in prayer

Highs & Lows–Each shared highs and lows.

We Go Out to Serve

1. Back Pack Program–The schedule is filled for the rest of the year.

2. College Correspondents–reminder to be in touch with college students

We Go Out to Educate

1. Report for Book Study Event–Approximately 16 people participated in the book study of [Voices from Pejuhutazizi: Dakota Stories and Storytellers](#) by Teresa Peterson and Walter LaBatte Jr. | Jan 18, 2022. Many attended the live discussion sessions and others plan to read on their own. A Facebook page with questions for discussion was also created. The WGO table discovered several people with common interests in native American issues and heritage. Reinforcement was also made during church services during November which was recognized as Native American Heritage Month through land acknowledgement and Riversource letter from Pastor Hans.

2. Planning for Angela Denker event

Pastor Angela will preach during the sermon on January 22, 2023 at River of Hope. She will discuss the book Red State Christians at 12 pm. Pastor Hans will send a letter to area ELCA pastors inviting them to attend the event and inviting a donation. A free book will be given for a donation of \$25 or more.

Books are available through Pastor Hans and Sandy Tracy with a donation.

A rough draft of a brochure was submitted to Julie Lofdahl to add graphics and formatting. The brochure should be ready in a couple weeks. Discussion was held about promoting the event. Nan will work with Jane about writing a grant for the lunch and ordering the lunch. Nan will also check with the Gathering Table inviting them to be part of the event. The lunch will generally be available to those attending the church service and the book talk. The lunch will be served between the church service and the book talk at approximately 11:30.

Pastor Hans will serve as the emcee for the book talk event.

Possible topic at end of book talk. Where do we go from here?

We Go Out to Advocate

Watering Can Proposal–the following schedule was suggested for distributing donations to various local and worldwide organizations.

Jan 2BContinued This program began in Glencoe, please check out their website. Their mission: Our mission is to increase awareness of suicide prevention, mental health & wellness through advocacy, education and outreach.

Feb 3 weeks Erin's Kids

Lent March (plus one in Feb and April) ELCA world hunger

April Erin's Kids

May Seeds of Hope-Linda Remucal

June Habitat for humanity <https://www.crhfh.org/>

July UCap-United Community action partnership <https://www.unitedcapmn.org/>

August Common Cup-<https://www.common-cup.org/>

Sept Laundry Love <https://www.common-cup.org/laundry-love-program>

October HOMES-<https://www.homesmcleod.org/cont>

November Operation Hope-Jeff Schmidt contact

December McLeod Alliance for victims of Domestic Violence-<https://www.mcleodalliance.org/>

Sara will arrange for a 30-60 second introduction of each organization.

Kay volunteered to create cards to attach to the watering can as the organization changes from month to month.

An in-person meeting will not be held in December. Updates about planning for activities taking place will occur via email.

The next in-person meeting will be held on January 16. Location to be determined.

Notetaker,

Sandy Tracy

Please let me know of any needed corrections or changes.