

River Table Meeting
Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 6pm

God's purpose for River of Hope

We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

Guiding Principles

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.

1. Opening Prayer

2. 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
- Update from Parish Personnel

3. New Business

- Timeline for Reconciling in Christ (members invited to meeting)
 - Speaker?
 - Open forums?
 - Vote?

4. Closing: Lord's Prayer

Next meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 6pm in person @Event Center

River of Hope

River Table Minutes

August 15, 2023

Members Present: Pastor Hans, Katie, Gerry, Sandy, Jeanette, Nancy,

The meeting was called to order by Katie.

1. Minutes from last meeting: Motion to approve. Motion by Sandy, 2nd Jeanette
2. Financial report was given by Arlyn. He still has QuikTrip gas and grocery cards available.

Pastors report. Given by Pastor Hans: Big thanks to Katie and drivers for taking kids to and from VBS.

Do we want to do it again next year and work with Green Lake Bible camp. Cost is \$100.00 per child.

This year money, from the Headwaters fund, was used.

Pastor Hans will be moving his son to college Aug 27. Pastor Linda Pedersen will be here on for service.

Hired Lisa Tschimperle to staff the office on Wednesdays.

National youth gathering next July, is there enough interest to go.

Continuing business: Event Center contract for 2024 will have an increase from \$2250.00 to \$2500 per month. Motion made to enter into an agreement with the city to increase to \$2500.00 per Month.

Motion made by Nancy 2nd by Sandy motion passed.

Andy from the Pastoral Support Group made a recommendation ROH help cover Pastors Hans health care cost (see report) Motion was made at the August 15th 2023 River Table meeting.

~~Motion to increase Pastor Hans salary to help cover increased health care insurance costs, for the next 4 months (@ \$3000.00), due to qualifying events. 1st Nancy, seconded by Sandy Motion passed.~~

(Rescinded on Sept 12)

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 12, 2023 in Person at event center.

River of Hope Stewardship Table Meeting Agenda/Minutes

August 15, 2023

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.

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Agenda Items

- I. What have you been reading in scripture that has you intrigued and/or Share!
- II. Financial Update – Arlyn DeBruyckere
- III. Stewardship Calendar/Activity Roadmap
 - a) Q3/Q4 2024
- IV. Future Meeting Date Discussion
 - a) Oct 24@6pm
 - b) Riverpalooza Sunday, Nov 19th
- V. Other Items
- VI. *Counting Schedule*
 - a) Arlyn needs support, August 27, September 3, October 22
 - If committee members at church please step in and help

Minutes from 8.15.22

Arlyn presented budget, we are at a healthy place and want to grow and continue the momentum. Cashflow of \$35,404 (about \$16K is still money from last PPE grant). Simply giving and new contributions continue to allow us to expand our ministry. River table proposed and approved Pastor salary increase of \$3,000 for remainder of compensate for additional insurance costs, Andy and Arlyn reported this to Stewardship table.

Watering Can Giving for remainder of 2023:

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/contact>

November Operation Hope-Jeff Schmidt contact

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

Temple Talks to begin in October leading up to Riverpalooza. Oct 22 (guest), Oct 29th (Brian Tillmann), November 5th (Arlyn) and November 12 (guest). Riverpalooza to include induction of new members, financial budget presented and positioned for approval, Q/A.

Next meeting is Tuesday October 24th, 6pm at Event Center.

Gathering Table Sept 2023

The Gathering Table met on 8/30 at Dunn Brothers. .

Members present were Rachel Stearns, Heather Reigert Fischer, Nan Crary, Linda Cox and Portia Brandsoy. Pastor Hans joined us briefly to give us a schedule for Headwaters and Confirmation. We discussed the needs for Headwaters on 9/20, 10/4, 11/1, 11/8 and 12/6. Heather will plan and prepare the main dish. We will request help from R of H members for fruit, vegetables and dessert. In an attempt to cut down on paper waste, we'll be washing plates and would like helpers to assist with cleanup.

Riverpalooza will be 11/19 with smoked chicken and ribs on the menu. We'll ask members to provide sides for the potluck dinner. More details will follow.

We Go Out Table Notes

August 14, 2023

Present: Kay Halstrom, Malena Kelm, Lisa Tschimperle, Sandy Tracy

Kay started with a devotion. We shared highs and lows.

Updated WE Go Out Mission Statement and Table Design were approved

We Go Out to Serve: Interest was expressed in helping the community assemble sleeping mats for housing insecure people. Beth Gasser will present information at a later time. We will work to collect empty grocery bags to be cut into strips and crocheted. Collection bins will be available. The project will be introduced on Sunday, September 10, as a project for God's Work, Our Hands. More details as they are developed.

We Go Out To Educate: A preliminary discussion is forming about a book study focusing on Louise Erdrich books, dealing with native Americans. More details later.

One Coin Found by Emmy Kegler is being considered as a book study associated with our current project of identifying the level of welcome present at River of Hope. The author is from Minnesota.

Go Out to Advocate: JRLC, Isaiah, and Public Education will continue to be followed as sources seeking legislative support.

Anyone interested in advocacy work with Minnesota Homeless Coalition can register for a special ZOOM phone call on August 29 from 10 to 11:30 am to hear from different regions in the state toward implementing improvements in a local homeless response system. Here is a link to register for that zoom call. [here](#):

Other Business: If anyone is interested in arranging to order River of Hope t-shirts, please contact the We Go Out Table. Design, vendor ideas, and style ideas welcome.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be held on September 18 at the Cashwise Caribou at 5 pm.

Pastor Report September 2023

Confirmation started last Wednesday with orientation for guides and families. We have 15 confirmation students from six to 9th grade. We have an additional four 10th grade students who will be confirmed this fall. Based on feedback from the faith formation table, this year we are starting confirmation one year earlier, so that confirmation will coincide with the middle school. This will work well with Headwaters because six grade seemed a little bit too old for the students last year.

Coming up in October I will be gone two different Sundays. On the weekend of October 6th-8th I will take a few students up to Osprey wilds environmental learning center in Sandstone for a retreat with the Minnesota conference of the United Church of Christ. Kris Hartman is a second chaperone who will be coming on the trip.

The other Sunday that I will be gone is October 15. It is parents weekend at Montana State University. Heidi and I are going to go out for the weekend. Pastor Angela Denker will be here on October 8 and Pastor Laura Aase on the 15th.

A reminder that people are invited out to our farm on Saturday, September 23 - from 3 PM till sunset. There will be an opportunity to pick apples, play volleyball, have food together, and press apple cider. If you want to take home some cider, bring a container to take the juice with you. Please help spread the word to invite others.

Lisa Tschimperle is a great addition to have in the office. Rather than just working on Wednesday. She'd like to split some time on Tuesday and Wednesday. We will have those office hours published in the electronic news, as well as the hard copy that you receive on Sunday morning. If you haven't said hello to her, please join me and letting her know how much we appreciate her.

River Table Extra Meeting 8/30/23

Members present: Arlyn DeBruyckere, Nina Appleby, Jerry Connell, Jeanette Krommenhoek, Nancy Redetzke, Sandy Tracy, Katie Weisenberger, and Hans Peterson. Nan Crary joined as a representative from the Parish Personnel Table.

The River Table met to talk about how our last meeting felt rushed, and subjects that were not on the agenda were introduced, discussed, and voted on without proper time to reflect. Suggestions for the future:

- Don't rush meetings, so try not to schedule back to back meetings.
- If things feel rushed, table it for the next meeting.
- Make sure the correct table has had a chance to make a recommendation to the River Table to approve.

Parish Personnel makes a recommendation to the finance committee about Hans's package. We asked if each year Parish Personnel fill out an explanation of benefits for Hans and Heidi. Nan would check into that possibility.

Going forward, all members of River Table should get a copy of RoH's constitution.

Katie and Hans will do a better job of communicating if the meeting changes from the 2nd Tuesday of each month. If people are absent, we'll send an email with the next meeting.

Katie and Hans will plan the agenda together the Tuesday before each meeting. Hans will ask Lisa to try and collect the minutes from tables that have met. The agenda and minutes will be sent out a few days before the meeting to give ample time to review.

Next meeting: Tuesday, Sep. 12 at 6:00pm in person @Event Center