

River Table Minutes

River of Hope Lutheran Church ELCA Hutchinson, Minnesota

Tuesday, April 30, 2024 6 p.m. at the Event Center

Present: Pastor Hans Peterson, Arlyn DeBruyckere, Treasurer, Sandy Tracy, President, Gerry Connell, Dave Fischer, Nancy Redetzke, Patricia Paulsen

Absent: Mary Royer

Opening Prayer by Pastor Hans

Continuing Business

Approved River Table Minutes of March 12, 2024 (Connell/Fischer)

Reports

Arlyn DeBruyckere presented a quarterly financial report. Items of note:

- In 2023 we set aside \$1000 per month for future facilities expenses when we are no longer using Hutchinson Event Center. We were able to accomplish that and grow the savings account by more than \$12,000.
- Information was given regarding QCD income line item (Qualified Charitable Donations). QCD is an option for people more than age 70 ½ to donate money from their IRA (Individual Retirement Account) without first withdrawing it and paying taxes. Please see Arlyn if you would like more information.

Approved Quarterly Financial Report (Redetzke/Connell)

Faith Formation: Fundraising is going well for youth camps and trips. There may be one more event to raise funds for the trip to the synod's Youth Gathering.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Hans told us about boundaries workshop required for all Pastors every three years. In addition to sexual boundaries, other boundaries covered included a safe and healthy working environment for staff and leadership teams and boundaries around taking days off, etc. He also had a quarterly meeting at Gustavus to meet with first time pastors around the subject of change in a congregation.

New Business

Sharing of information: For the time being, reports and minutes will be posted on the website and also included in the weekly electronic newsletter.

Constitution: A draft of a letter to the congregation regarding our constitution was approved for inclusion in an upcoming electronic newsletter. It's an invitation for members to read through the constitution and offer feedback. Our goal would be to have some revisions done during the summer to present for approval in November at Riverpalooza. Gerry Connell will be the liaison between the Constitution Review members and the River Table.

Reconciling in Christ: RIC members will be meeting Sunday, May 5th.

Memorial Gift: A memorial donation has been given to River of Hope from a friend of Shawn Davis, and a letter of thanks was prepared.

Approved a motion to use a portion of the gift in ways that remind us of Shawn, such as new percussion instruments and a new watering can, and use the balance for the worship enhancement project. (Connell/Fischer)

Closing: *The Lord's Prayer*

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 28, 6 p.m., Hutchinson Event Center

Submitted by Tricia Paulsen