

MLT Meeting
04/13/2023

Present: Dianna Parks, Pastor Dan, Larry Stacy, Cindi Johnson, Matt Morrissey, Emma Steele, Dave Young, Annette Homburger (Zoom), Mary Hair (Zoom).

7 pm: Devotion/Mission Moments—Pastor Dan

7:05 pm Team Building - - Highs & Lows

7:15 pm Consent Agenda

** Pastor's Report

Dan made a motion to approve an expenditure of \$800 to be a partner congregation in Stephen's Ministry (a lay-person led caring ministry like our prior Befriender's ministry) Cindi seconded the motion. Vote: All in favor. Motion passed.

** Minutes from 03/09/23 MLT Meeting

** Treasurer's Report

7:30 pm Old Business

** New MLT Member. Welcome Emma Steele!

Dan moved to appoint Emma Steel to be on the MLT until January 2024. Mary Hair seconded. Vote: All approved. Motion passed.

** Update on plan to invite more participation in church activities

Dianna Parks gave an update on ways her group is increasing participation in church activities.

1. Cindi, Larry, and Dianna met to discuss volunteer vacancies, especially among leadership roles.

A. We are updating the new member interest forms

B. Working with Pastor Dan to update new systems to operationalize the member interests

C. Dianna will reach out to existing Chairs and gauge their interest in training new folks

D. The MLT promised to help and encourage new leadership, offering gratitude and assistance, and not enumerating struggles and learning curves.

Dianna and Pastor Dan met to begin planning for a new member bonding series in the Mission House. Thinking is that during the pandemic it was difficult to be integrated into the full community and it might be hospitable to invite the new members to be new together. Invited guests could include long-time leaders and members who can answer questions and provide context for congregational life and culture.

** Utility Trailer insurance and Eagle Scout project developments

A scout who wants to be an Eagle Scout is going to revitalize the trailer, but the latter must belong to the church, not a church member. Larry, who owns the trailer, asked that POH accept his gift of the trailer. Dan made a motion to accept the gift of the trailer from the Stacy's. Danna Parks seconded the motion. Vote: Approved.

** Finance Team update

The Finance Team will actively support the Treasurer. They will meet monthly and report their suggestions regarding POH finances back to the MLT.

** Substitute Pastor recruitment

** 2023 SE MN Synod Assembly

Larry, Dan, and Dave are representing POH. Registration has been sent.

** Land Use: Closing date of the purchase agreement between Titan Acquisitions, LLC and People of Hope Church has been amended. Titan deposited another \$10,000 in no-refundable earnest money to the Title Company, who in turn sent the money to People of Hope Church.

8:00 pm New Business

** Feasibility of installing a separate utility meter for the Mission House for the garden. Not considered necessary.

** Feasibility of installing a trenched garden hose from the Mission House to the Garden

Dave Young said trenching the hose makes it easier to mow the lawn between the Mission House and Hope Garden. Dan moved to dig the trench. Dianna Parks seconded. Discussion - - Matt asked to find out how much a trench and supplies would cost. Main Motion Maker (Dan) and Main Motion Secunder (Dianna) agreed to a "Friendly amendment" by revising the main motion to be: MLT Member Dave Young will investigate costs for a trench for the garden hose and report back to the MLT at its May Meeting. Dan moved that Dave Young investigate a trench for the garden hose, reporting back to the MLT in May with his findings. Danna Parks seconded. Vote: Approved. Motion passed.

** Mary Hair and Sarah Jerde are working with the Summer of Service teams this summer to maintain the formal gardens.

8:18 pm. Meeting adjourned.