

Our Father's Lutheran Church
Agenda for Leadership Team Meeting
July 12, 2022

Attendees: Pastor Aaron, Pam, Amy K, Chandler, Amy J, Tiffany (Zoom), Brian, Dan, Jody

Absent: Wendy, Erin, Shannon

Devotion & Prayer – Amy K

Ministries:

1. Rockford River Days – Pancake Breakfast
 - a. Becky Miller notified me of opportunity – originally OFLC Foundation was planning to sponsor but after discussion the foundation felt our general fund could use the help more.
 - i. Recommends a 3-4 person committee to do the leg work and get volunteers to help on Saturday, August 13, starting serving at 8:00am.
 - ii. In the past, a RRD committee member headed this up and all profits went back to the RRD fund so this will be new that another group can profit from it. RRD committee members usually got to eat free, but now that another group sponsoring it, no more of that!!
 1. 100% of profits will go to OFLC. RRD is not charging us a vendor fee as they so badly want a group to have breakfast at the park. No other vendors or booths sell breakfast so there is no competition!
 2. Last year they served about 120 people, mostly wrestlers and their families. (there's a big wrestling event Sat. morning)
 3. It used to be 'all-you-can-eat', but we don't have to do that. (not many people actually had seconds)
 4. Last year they charged \$5 per plate and a \$20 family maximum. We don't have to do that.
 5. Menu items in the past have been:
 - a. Pancakes
 - b. Sausages (offer 2 or 3? depending on size?)
 - c. orange juice
 - d. coffee
 - e. syrup
 - f. butter
 6. You would also need:
 - a. paper plates
 - b. paper cups (for juice and coffee)
 - c. plastic forks & knives
 - d. napkins
 - iii. Last year, folks were looking for water and Gatorade. Nobody else was selling it at 8:00am. I think it would be a big profit maker to sell them and we would charge extra for them. (\$1.00 for water and \$2 for Gatorade depending on what size they are?)

- iv. If we set up a Sign Up Genius for food donations, the congregation would probably come through and profits could be higher. Good for signing up volunteers too!
- v. Council discussion
 1. Does it have to be pancakes? Maybe breakfast sandwiches? History was this was an event after the 5K so perhaps would want to keep history in place.
 2. Everyone agreed we should move forward.

Administrative/Personnel:

- Pastoral update (attached)
 - a. Recommends in September/October to schedule a meeting with Nourishing Hope leadership. Pastor Aaron to collect dates to coordinate a time that works for everyone.
 - b. Council reviewed and approved vacation requests for:
 - i. 8/11
 - ii. 9/4-9/17

Finance:

- Treasurer update – Amy
 - a. Request by council to better understand NH budget and expense requirements following the request for funding last week to cover the boxes
 - i. Plan is to schedule a group meeting between council and NH – Dates are needed
 - b. Additional fundraising discussion raised by Pam – Rockford River Days/Crow River Christmas good opportunities
- General fund/discussion of Listening Session feedback
 - a. Good feedback to Amy calling out average give per member household needed to reach the budget
 - b. Congregation wants to know that we are making responsible decisions and are staying within the approved budget
 - c. Looking to schedule another Listening Session – September 18th following service

Other:

- COVID protocol updates for the congregation
 - a. No changes
- August 50th Anniversary Picnic
 - a. Per Shannon - Also been working on the 50th Anniversary Picnic now that we have secured funding for the event. Our next meeting to plan and finalize details is July 20th at 7:30pm. Band – Bounce House – Big Boar have all been secured – August 28th following church service
- Pam Hoekstra – OFLC Constitution committee update
 - a. Upcoming Workshops
 - i. July 19, 2022 @ 7pm – OFLC Constitution Revisions Part 4

- Updates from Shannon
 - a. VBS is August 8-11 from 9-11:30 for ages 3-4th grade and as of yesterday we have 42 kids – almost to the goal to have 50 registered kids this year. (Last year we had 28 registered kids). We are so close and I am not stopping until I meet my goal. Please share with the group and ask them to all personally invite at least one family to register their child for VBS, we will easily hit our goal 3 yrs old to 4th grade. Maybe they have a neighbor, friend, co-worker that has children that age? On the last day of VBS (August 11th) the day will end at 11:30 with a little singing performance from the kids and then a food truck lunch for all parents, kids, and their families in the north end parking lot. Bounce house, yard games, and a table set up for more information about Sunday School and Engage and Confirm and how to register for the fall. Also, we are in need of 2-3 more adult volunteers to help with the science experiment station on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9-11:30 (Tuesday is covered). Right now, we have Diane Dorrel helping with sign-in every morning and then a whole group of Engage and Confirm kids. Shannon will be at the church everyday leading the bible story station. Brittni said she can be around to help most days too except she will be busy the first day with Nourishing Hope August drop.
 - b. After the call for help for money towards boxes last Thursday, Brittni received over \$600 in donations in a matter of hours. This is a great example of if you bring awareness to a need, people deliver. And not all of donations were members of our church, which is cool to see. Definitely need some transparency and guidelines of "who pays for what" moving forward as the NH Committee has confused Brittni on some of their protocols and/or lack thereof.
 - c. Checked to see if BNI would help donate towards the costs of window treatments in south wing large room, but learned they no longer hold their meetings at OFLC. LeAnn Sather said they now meet at Lions Park building. Not sure why they switched, but it sounds like it was a while ago.
 - d. Erin Smith needs to choose a date that she can start hanging/designing the wall for the "This Is Us" forms filled out by members. Would love to see this done prior to VBS. She just needs to pick a date that she can work on it and I will come assist her with whatever she needs. She has the design idea and just needs to put me to work on what needs to get done so we can get this item marked off our to do list.
 - e. I started a "Rockford OFLC Women's Group" on Facebook. I'd like to see a more active women's group get reignited and 95% of people have Facebook Right now, there are 26 members in this group and I just started it 2 days ago.
 - f. Next meeting council should start to discuss who should be recommended for the next council-recommendations wanted

Devotion Schedule:

August – Jody
September – Brian
October – Erin
November – Pam
December – Aaron

Upcoming council meeting schedule:

Aug 2, 2022 07:00 PM
Sep 6, 2022 07:00 PM
Oct 4, 2022 07:00 PM
Nov 1, 2022 07:00 PM
Dec 6, 2022 07:00 PM

Upcoming working session meeting schedule:

Jul 19, 2022 07:00 PM
Aug 16, 2022 07:00 PM
Sep 20, 2022 07:00 PM
Oct 18, 2022 07:00 PM
Nov 15, 2022 07:00 PM
Dec 20, 2022 07:00 PM