

## Hope Lutheran Church

### BOYEM Meeting

April 2, 2024

5:00 p.m.

### MINUTES

**Present:** Derek Staloch, Alan Strand, Leah Aamlid, Jess Felten, Sarah Gavert, Matt Cordes, & Hope Mack

#### 1. Program Updates & Discussions

##### a. Church Council (Hope)

- i. 4/17/24 will be the first date for 'Senior Connection' to meet.
- ii. The Youth Minister position will be posted this week.
- iii. Matt suggested coming up with alternate plans for a mission trip in 2025. We should pick dates for 2025 soon, and plan a trip with the new Youth Minister. In the future, he'd love to have a confirmation trip and then a high school trip.
- iv. Memorial Day - Labor Day Matt will have an outdoor service at 10:30am on Sundays. In the fall, he plans to incorporate an evening mid-week service.

##### b. KOK / VBS (Leah)

- i. We made a list of commemorative stones we'd like to purchase and would like to see if we can get a Thrivent Action Team card donated to help cover the cost of them. <http://store.milestonesministry.org/category-s/1839.htm>
- ii. VBS will be Aug. 5-8 and the committee is meeting in April to begin planning. Currently all youth programs are \$20 each with a \$50 family max. With the increase of expenses to run VBS, BOYEM agreed that raising the fee to \$25 each with a family max of \$60 is appropriate.
- iii. The last day of KOK will be 5/5/24. We've asked if KOK can sing again as it was enjoyed so much by the congregation.

##### c. H2H (Derek)

- i. Upcoming Fellowship & Service Nights
  1. 4/17/24 Service Event: Bag of Smiles
    - a. Donations have been requested.
  2. 5/1/24: Fellowship Event: Game night / End of Year Party
  3. 5/8/24: Final/Test night
    - a. Matt said a brief review will be done, then the test, and the kids can leave when they are done with it.
- ii. Pizza Supper Fruit/Veggies: Schedule BOYEM member to deliver as follows. In the fall, is it possible that the Youth Minister could take over this task?
  1. 4/3/24: Hope
  2. 4/10/24: Leah
  3. 4/17/24: Jess
  4. 4/24/24: Alan
  5. 5/1/24: N/A
  6. 5/8/24: Jess

- iii. Review Mentor Program & Confirmation next steps
  - 1. Matt has received positive comments about the mentorship program. For confirmation, previously a retreat was held on a Saturday morning in early October. Boyem & Pastor Matt decided that instead of having the students make a felt stole, that church will purchase some to use going forward. Instead of a one day retreat, Matt would like to have the students meet on 4-5 Wednesday's in Sept.-Oct. and to write a Faith Statement. Confirmation is typically the last Sunday in October.
- d. **Summer Camp / Family Camp / Mission Trip (Alan)**
  - i. Following Matt's recommendation, we will not be having a mission trip in 2025. We'd like the new Youth Minister to be involved with the planning and fundraising process.
    - 1. 2024: BOYEM suggested having a local service day project
    - 2. 2025: Matt would like to plan a MN/Canada adventure trip
    - 3. 2026: Mission trip
- e. **High School Youth Group (Jess)**
  - i. Can we ask that the Youth Minister comes up with a name for this group?
  - ii. The 10 graduating seniors will be recognized on May 19th. Angie will coordinate gift bags for them with a cross, devotional, and candy.
- f. **Adult Ed (Leah)**
  - i. Jess & Leah are planning the next Life Group meeting on 4/7/24.
- 2. Volunteer Appreciation (4/28/24)
  - a. Alan will speak in church and anyone else available will hand out the treats. Sarah will provide Alan with a list of volunteer roles. Jess will have Angie order the treats and cake and pick them up from Sam's Club.
- 3. Summer Gathering Ideas
  - a. Outdoor Movie Night with the Deacons
  - b. Lunch & games after a 10:30 outdoor service (perhaps on May 26th)
  - c. Bus to a Twins Game
- 4. Review YTD Budget / Expenses & Discuss Fundraising Needs
  - a. Review the budget lines for the year as needed.
- 5. Schedule Next Meeting
  - a. May 7th at 5pm

Deacon Board Meeting  
Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Present: Jason, Lynda, Matt L, Shelli, Pastor Matt, Kathy (via phone), and Sarah

- God's Work. Our Hands. On Call Ministry – no recent requests, Jason will write up a blurb for the bulletin
- Lent Soup Suppers – discussion to be continued!
  - Involve H2H families as part of their service hours
  - Assign families to the different weeks
  - Suggestion of Hope providing a protein for sandwiches for those wanting sandwiches or Hope to purchase a sandwich tray
  - Leave an option for people to bring sandwiches if they want –need to get that egg salad somewhere!
  - Ask council about soup/sandwich
- Christmas Tree
  - Looking into other options for obtaining a tree due to trees from the Lind's are all mature trees
  - Use Garage Sale funds for the tree – someone will have to fill out a form
- Fellowship Ideas
  - Summer Movie Night – BOYEM is interested in working together for this, may have to hold off until August as it is so light out in June and July
  - Picnic/BBQ at Lagoon
- MN Food Share Month – Feb 26 thru April 6 - \$1516.00 raised!
- Celebrate Jordan April 14
  - 1-2:30 pm Molly Warmka and Pastor Matt
  - 2:30-4 pm Lynda Schaumburg and Barb Tieben
- Mother's Day
  - Angie is ordering carnation and they will be available in vases on the tables for Mom's to take
  - Matt and Jason will put them in the vases (May 12)
  - Curt will head the Mother's Day Breakfast
- Outreach Committee
  - Pastor Matt shared his vision of an Outreach Committee
  - How do we share the vision with the community?
  - Marketing Team/Branding Team > how do we "market" Hope? –separate committee
  - Outreach Ministry vs an Outreach Committee
  - Sarah will contact members who may be gifted in these areas
- Father's Day June 17 > to be discussed next meeting
- Next meeting is May 5 after church
- Council Rep for April 15 Council meeting is Kathy

# Trustees Report

April 14, 2024

Present: Angie, Ben, Brad, Kelly, Steve, Steve, Paul

Next meeting: May 12, 2024 @ 8:00 AM

## Completed Action Items:

1. All City Elevator was called regarding training us on our elevator maintenance. They will come out in June and contact us with a date as it nears.
2. Spring Cleaning list has been shared and promoted. Volunteers have been signing up.
3. The drum set in the Activity Room was looked at and the missing parts have been found so the drum will now be used at church.

## New Business:

1. Paul, Hope Treasurer, met with the Trustees to propose a payment of \$10,000 be made toward the principle on the parking lot loan. It was an unanimous approval to proceed with this payment to reduce the loan principle.
2. Looked at Handicap pews to explore ideas for additional signage or adding some to the front of the church.
3. Future idea for consideration, to have H2H students assist guests with special needs in the parking lot with umbrellas or an extra hand getting in/out of a vehicle, etc.
4. Idea shared to have Sunday Helpers identifiable to our visitors, maybe with lanyards.
5. Is there space to add grab bars to the stall in the Men's Restroom.

## Old Business:

1. The shade for the other half of the window by the piano has been reordered.
2. Furnace filter replacement training from Rod will be asked of him.
3. Options explored for moving the mic cord that lays across the walkway by the front pew.

## Action Items:

1. Order four Elm trees for the parking lot island and ask if the Honeylocust tree bids could go toward the fourth Elm.
2. A Front Entry Committee has been compiled. Angie will reach out to two more people yet. Kelly will contact the members and be the point person for the committee.
3. Connect with Carlona about creating A Project Squad Board to post projects we could use help with around the church.
4. Connect with the Parking Lot Committee about plans for the finishing touches to the island and side yard.
5. Meet with the Custodian for a review to address any concerns.
6. Reach out to learn if our current exterminator is doing well and able to continue to do the job or if we need to explore a new exterminator.
7. Obtain a receptacle for using the compost bags we have and begin educating what is compostable in them .