Mission Leadership Team Meeting minutes

People of Hope Church

3703 West Country Club Road

Rochester, MN 55902

Date: May 14, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the People of Hope (POH) Mission Leadership team (MLT) was called to order by Eric Lee, chair, at 7:03 p.m. The meeting was held over the Zoom website due to the MN social distancing for the pandemic.

Members present:

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| Eric Lee --chair  | Marilyn Hansmann--treasurer | Pastor Dan Doering |
| John Goetz | Aaron Steele | Pete Reuss—vice chair |
| Denise Fogarty | Wayne Luebbert | Diane Olson--scribe |
|  | Chrisanne Kuester—youth representative | Shelley Boettcher |

Members absent:

Rosilyn Steinkamp and Violet Steinkamp (shared position)

Pastor Dan offered an opening prayer.

Agenda approval: An agenda topic on discussion of hope groups was added. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the amended agenda.

Meeting minutes approval:

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the April 14, 2020 meeting minutes.

Treasurer’s report:

The Small Business Association (SBA) paycheck protection program loan, used for payroll, utilities and mortgage principle is not counted as income for POH.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the treasurer’s report.

Pastor’s report:

Pastor Dan reported that he recently has had an increased number of pastoral care calls. Ivy Scorzelli, office manager, has not yet communicated her final date of employment. He would like to rethink the responsibilities of the office manager position in the future. It was moved, seconded and passed to wait to post the office manager position until at least until after the June MLT meeting.

In mid-June Pastor Dan would like to take some time off to bury the ashes of his parents.

May 24 the SEMN synod of the ELCA is offering a virtual worship service that congregations can use. It was decided to use this virtual worship service May 24 and Pastor Dan plans to take vacation days at that time. Eric Lee will write a letter for the POH congregation noting the availability of this service and other live services available on the SEMN ELCA synod website.

Old Business:

MLT FAQ for People of Hope Website approval

The final draft of the document, titled “What is the Mission Leadership Team” was discussed. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve this final document.

New Business:

Return to Worship

Pastor Dan has forwarded a number of guidelines for safely instituting in house worship services again to the MLT. Some of these included: A message from the ELCA Bishops of MN dated May 13, 2020, Guidelines for Phased Reopening of churches in West Texas from the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas, Considerations for Returning to In-person Worship updated May 12, 2020 from ELCA and Meeting Minutes taken by Pastor Dan during an ELCA synod meeting. Return to church guidelines from the State of MN are expected soon.

A motion was made, seconded and passed for a POH task force to look at developing safety guidelines for in-building worship services and building usage. This will include at least one person with a health background including Pastor Dan, Will Schouten, Wayne Luebbert and one other person. MLT members were asked to send suggestions for safely starting worship services in the church building to Pastor Dan or Eric Lee.

Hope groups: The Hope groups which were instituted to promote an ongoing sense of community among POH member missionaries were discussed and will continue.

It was moved seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting.

Pete Reuss led a closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Diane Olson, scribe