Date: May 17, 2018

1. Call to Order

*Jeff Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:58 pm.*

1. Devotional / Shared Prayer

*Pastor Lauren led us in prayer.*

1. Establish a Quorum
   1. Members present*: Jeff Johnson, Mike Dolan, Keith Gilbert, Jessica Henry, Darci Bontrager, Tom Lund,*

*Joe Zeigler, Beth Jacobson*

* 1. Members absent: *John Shardlow*
  2. Others present:  *Dave Booms, Pastor Sara Spohr, Pastor Lauren Wrightsman*

1. Approval of Agenda

*A motion to approve the agenda was made by Darci and seconded by Keith. The motion was approved unanimously.*

1. Approval of April minutes

*A motion to approve the April minutes was made by Jessica and seconded by Joe. The motion was approved unanimously.*

1. Monthly Reports

*Staff and committee reports are attached. Any additional discussion is listed below.*

* 1. Finance:

*Jeff outlined the months finances; the last month finished in the black.*

* 1. Staff
     + 1. Pastors
          1. Senior Pastor

Stewardship update

* + - * 1. Associate Pastor

*Using the set of operating procedures listed, M/O would like Council to approve the procedures listed. A motion to that affect was made by Darci and seconded by Keith. The motion was approved unanimously.*

* + - 1. Church Administrator
  1. Committee Reports
     1. Mission & Outreach- Darci
     2. Stewardship- Keith
     3. Children- Joe
     4. Youth & Family- Jessie
     5. Adult Ed- Beth
     6. Christian Life- Beth
     7. Nominating- Mike Tom

1. Task force updates: Strategic Planning
   * + 1. Facilities and maintenance task force

*RoofSpec has begun on-site inspections of the roof with coring and evaluations. The initial bid submitted does not require any additions or updates.*

* + - 1. Worship and Music

1. 75th Anniversary Ask
2. Items for discussion
3. New Business (Action Items)
4. Upcoming dates

*Council Conversation May 20; Annual meeting June 17.*

1. Adjournment

*A motion to adjourn was made by Tom and seconded by Jess. The motion was approved unanimously.*

1. Closing Prayer:

*Pastor Lauren led Council in the Lord’s Prayer*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Mike Dolan*

*Council Vice President*

*Roseville Lutheran Church*

Council Report

Senior Pastor, Lauren Wrightsman

May 17, 2018

**Action Items in Progress / Pending**

**1) pRAISE - 75 hours of Giving**

This was a wonderful success! We met our goal of receiving $75,000 in 75 hours (okay, 75.5 hours!)

Thank you to a wonderful team of volunteers who made this happen. AND thank you to the myriad of ways you, as council members, helped make this end-of-year campaign a success

**2) 2018/2019 Budget**

Executive committee and staff have been working diligently on our budget for 2018 / 2019 and have been considering all of our options and will bring the budget to the congregation for the Annual meeting.

I encourage all members of council to be on hand for our **Council Conversation with the Congregation on Sunday, May 20 at the 10:10 hour, in the Social Hall**

**3) Update of all staff Job Descriptions**

This should be completed by the end of June.

OTHER ITEMS:

**Campus Improvements Task Force**

The team continues to meet and has received bids that will be shared at council

**Budget / Narrative budget conversation**

In the works for our meeting on Sunday, May 20th

**Calendar Items:**

**1)** Council conversation – Sunday, May 20th at 10:10 in the social hall

**2)** Annual meeting – Sunday, June 17th at 10:10 in the social hall (Continental breakfast will be served)

**Worship and Music Task force:**

**4) Budget Requirements (if any)**

none

**Council Report**

Staff Member name: **Pastor Sara Spohr**

Date: **May 2018**

Action Items in Progress / Pending

1. We are working on updating staff job descriptions and then turning these into a form for performance appraisals.  This will be happening during the month of May and completed by mid June.
2. As our programing year wraps up we are spending time evaluating and then planning for the coming year.  Our children and youth ministry team is working on next year’s calendar this week. We collaborate with Mission and Outreach initiatives to create this calendar as well.  This is such a great example of collaboration across our shared ministries.
3. Mission and Outreach transition.  Two items:
   1. I will a summary document/brochure with you at our meeting.  This is a document we are excited about getting to our congregation to really invite people into the new focus.  We are hopeful that you will be be willing to express, model, and reinforce this work with those Roseville Lutheran members who are in your circle of influence.
   2. I’m including in this report a proposed new set of operating procedures for our work.  This would need to be included with a revision of constitutional by-laws, so that is a project for next year.  But it would be helpful to have you look this over and vote to allow us to start using these procedures temporarily until we are able to make those constitutional revisions.

Action Items completed

1. On Monday a Keystone truck picked up a donation from Roseville Lutheran of 2000 pounds of laundry detergent, repackaged to be more user friendly for Keystone clients.  They also received from us over 1700 jars of peanut butter, this will provide protein for their clients during the summer when donations of this kind tend to be down. This kind of donation involved the generosity of many many members of our church.  This is a perfect example of the kind of direction the task force recommended that we focus our mission and outreach efforts. We are engaging our people and making a significant impact on need right here in Roseville.

**Mission and Outreach Team - Operating Procedures**

Draft May 2018

The team shall work with staff to serve our community generously and gracefully, with acts of love, charity, dignity and respect.

Members of this team will be elected at the Roseville Lutheran church annual meeting.  The team shall consist of 6 members with 3-year staggered terms. The chair of this team will be elected from among these 6 members.

1. Oversee mission and outreach ministries that are faithful to the gospel and are consistent with the mission and vision statements of Roseville Lutheran Church.
2. Annually evaluate ministry areas and programs to determine where to best allocate resources.  Remain open to new ideas that are consistent with our mission, vision and values without losing focus or diluting our impact.  Use consistent criteria to make these decisions. Set a window of time to review programs and partnerships annually to determine which may warrant:
   * 1. A new idea
     2. A deeper commitment
     3. Continued support
     4. Reduced commitment, or
     5. Severance
3. Work in partnership with the staff person assigned to Mission and Outreach.  Be supportive and encouraging to the staff person so that together we are able to lead an effective mission and outreach ministry.
4. Regularly recruit and charge working groups with specific jobs and projects. Manage and support working groups.  Collaborate with these leaders to evaluate ministry events, thank volunteers, and tell the stories of impact.
5. Facilitate three mission nights per year where all working groups would gather to share and celebrate Mission and Outreach ministry.  These three nights would be held in September to kick off program year and share calendar of planned activities, in January for a midyear check-in on programs, and after Easter to celebrate the work and thank leaders.  These evenings could include education, a speaker, planning, celebration, etc.
6. Effectively communicate these stories and ongoing opportunities for service and generosity to the congregation.
7. Maintain strong external partnerships with ministry organizations.  Regularly meet to evaluate, think strategically about the future, and give thanks for shared ministry.
8. Develop a variety of opportunities for members and friends of Roseville Lutheran to serve in our community and our world, to strengthen relationships with each other, and to grow in humility and empathy.
9. Provide direct oversight of financial resources given to mission and outreach efforts at Roseville Lutheran Church.  Provide assistance in the budgeting processes and allocation of resources.
10. Keep in regular communication with the church council.

Staff member: Dave Booms

**Please see the following reports from my Department Leaders.  Additionally I would like to commend both Daniel Pederson and Stephen Gallen on their masterful pRAISE 75 communications via Social Media, video, and print.**

Date : May 10, 2018

Department Name: Communications

Prepared By: Daniel Pederson, Communications Manager

Summary of activities that have occurred since the last monthly report.

·    Preparation for and execution of “pRAISE 75” Campaign: website, Facebook, monitors, worship slides, etc.

·    Slate of Nominees mailing produced and sent.

·    Table Newsletter is off to the printers May 11!

·    Annual Report is taking shape with a revised format. Thanks to all who supplied stories and photos!

·    Printed material support for Presidents Dinner.

·    Welcome back to Stephen Gallen, returning from parental leave.

·       Worked with Design Team (Dot) on Mission/Vision statement lettering in the Commons.

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Summary of upcoming events, or issues that the Church Council should be aware of:

·    “pRAISE 75” campaign wrap-up. Incentives and other response efforts.

·    **August 1 is Table Deadline for Sept-Oct-Nov.**

·       Looking ahead to fall Stewardship campaign.

Date : May  8, 2018

Department Name:  Facilities

Prepared By: Steve Henry, Facilities Manager

With the change of season our priorities are changing to include new outdoor projects.

* I have just completed thorough inspection with our insurance claims adjuster on the roofs.
* I will be doing a tour of the roofs with Roofspec next week
* I did touchup painting on the Mezzanine walls for new graphics
* I have shut down our boilers to conserve energy during this warm up.
* I have bids in for concrete work for installation of a swail in the south parking lot to replace one that was removed during asphalt installation and to remedy breakup of asphalt at the main entrance. This work is $2500. And will be covered by building repair budget.
* I have a bids in to replace the concrete steps on the side of the daycare house and railing. They are both badly in need of replacement. This work is coming in at $6000. - $7000. And I am looking into splitting the cost on this with the daycare house.
* I have a bid in to power wash, prime, and paint the north face of the Worship center and commons. Caulking and tuck pointing work was done last fall in preparation for this final step at $2500. Work is scheduled for June.

Date :  April 27th 2018

Department Name:  Hospitality

Prepared By: Connie Marchio

Summary of activities that have occurred since the last monthly report.

·      Since the last monthly report went out I was able to secure two large events to be held at the church in catering.

·      I am in the process of  getting ready for the Presidents Dinner on May 11th 2018,and have sent a proposal to endowment for a grant to cover the cost of this important and well deserved event

Summary of upcoming events, or issues that the Church Council should be aware of:

·      Budget issues are always a concern in my Ministry.  It is always helpful for Hospitality budgeting if the Council members , in work with their Committee assignments,  to remind Committees to preplan events .

Does the group have any questions, or concerns to bring to the Council? Is there anything the Council can do to assist the group?

·       None

**Council Report**

Laurel Hofeldt, Director of Finance & Data

May 11, 2018

1. Action Items in Progress / Pending
   1. pRAISE 75 follow-up – Incentive choices yet to be sent out. We had
      1. 95 donors of $75-$150 who will choose one incentive/experience
      2. 108 donors of $150+ who can enter the “Why I Love RLC” contest plus choose 2 or more incentives/experiences
2. Action Items Completed
   1. April Month-End Summary and Statement of Operations attached. A few notes since I will be absent from the meeting:
      1. With the success of pRAISE 75 our YTD offering is $3,025 over budget.
      2. Mission and Outreach spending was frozen as of April 1 so no M&O funds were expensed to the operating budget in April.
      3. YTD deficit is $1,212. The YTD budgeted deficit is $41, 203 meaning we are $39,991 ahead of our budgeted position as of April 30. \*\*Keep in mind we have a budgeted year-end deficit of $60,000. The way things look now I project we will end the year with little or no deficit. If Council chooses to transfer Child Care income and/or estate gift funds we can hopefully reinstate some of the M&O 6% spending.
   2. pRAISE 75 labels for Thank You notes have all been given to volunteers along with instructions for handwritten notes
   3. 2018-2019 proposed budget – see attached (revised per March Council meeting)
   4. Shelby training – staff had 2 days of on-site training May 2-3 which addressed:
      1. Volunteer sign-up and tracking
      2. Event registrations
      3. Check-In system training for CYF staff
      4. Contributions analysis & reporting
      5. Confidential tracking of hospitalization/pastoral care
      6. Access to expense account detail for Preschool Director
3. Questions for the council to address. Do any require council vote? (Yes or No)
4. Other comments: Stories of Generosity!
   1. pRAISE 75
      1. 284 households representing 430 individuals donated $76,000!
      2. 14 new sustainers (toward our goal of 30)
      3. If we get 16 more new sustainers, an additional $10,000 matching gift will be given.
      4. We have $4,000 in matching gifts remaining for a future campaign
   2. FMSC has exceeded their goal and raised a total of $23,034. This will leave just over $1,000 to carry over for next year.



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| **RECEIPTS** |  |  |  |
| Total Offerings | 1,251,771 | 100.24% | 1,248,746 |
| Other Income & Receipts | 98,546 |  | 78,050 |
|  | **1,350,317** | **101.77%** | **1,326,796** |
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| **BUSINESS EXPENSE & COMPENSATION** |  |  |  |
| Staff Salaries | 747,967 |  | 748,704 |
| Staff Benefits | 171,545 |  | 175,376 |
| Business Expense | 13,561 |  | 8,563 |
|  | 933,072 | 100.05% | 932,642 |
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| **TOTAL WORSHIP & PRAYER** | 21,596 | 110.41% | 19,561 |
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| **TOTAL MISSION & OUTREACH** | 56,845 | 78.89% | 72,052 |
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| **TOTAL EDUCATION & CHILDREN** | 8,559 | 50.87% | 16,825 |
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| **TOTAL YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES** | 14,907 | 84.84% | 17,572 |
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| **TOTAL CHRISTIAN LIFE** | 47,528 | 105.78% | 44,933 |
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|  | **149,436** | **87.42%** | **170,943** |
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| **SUSTAINING/BUSINESS MANAGEMENT** |  |  |  |
| Stewardship & Online Giving | 9,533 |  | 7,783 |
| Bank Fees, Insurance, Payroll Processing | 34,306 |  | 40,567 |
| Office Support, Computer/Network, Council | 24,551 |  | 21,231 |
| Communications, Printing, Publishing, Mailings | 34,104 |  | 31,842 |
| **TOTAL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT** | 102,495 | 101.06% | 101,422 |
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| **PROPERTIES & BUILDINGS** |  |  |  |
| Utilities/Assessments | 58,602 |  | 61,833 |
| Cleaning & Maintenance | 22,984 |  | 17,568 |
| Grounds & Parking Lots | 22,723 |  | 20,041 |
| HVAC, Lighting & Security, Vehicles | 10,151 |  | 11,340 |
| Mortgage & Building Projects/Improvements | 52,066 |  | 52,210 |
| **TOTAL PROPERTIES & BUILDINGS** | 166,525 | 102.17% | 162,992 |
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|  | 269,020 | 101.74% | 264,414 |
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|  | **1,351,529** | **98.80%** | **1,367,999** |
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|  | **-1,212** |  | **-41,203** |
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**ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

MONTHLY MINISTRY TEAM AND COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORT

Date of Church Council meeting: \_May 17, 2018\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Committee or Ministry Team Name: \_Youth & Family\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Members Present: \_n/a (no ministry team meeting since last Council meeting

Prepared By: \_Jessica Henry\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date of the last meeting: \_April 8, 2018\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Summary of topics discussed, and activities that have occurred since the last meeting:

* Academic year programs are wrapping up – programmatic feedback is being collected from volunteers, and staff members are assessing the volume of volunteers who plan to return for 2018-2019 programs.
* Summer trips are nearly full! Over 150 children & youth will be participating in trips, including two Slovak students who will be hosted by RLC families during the month of July.

Summary of upcoming events, or issues that the Church Council should be aware of:

* Please consider supporting our youth by becoming a Summer Prayer Partner. See the 5/10 e-blast for further details.

Does the group have any questions, or concerns to bring to the Council? Is there anything the Council, or staff can do to assist the group?

* No.

**Design Committee Meeting Notes**

**April 16, 2018**

**Next Meeting: Thursday May 16, 2:30**

In Attendance: Dorothy Borgstrom, Jodi Gubbrud, Vivian Howatt, Marlaine Maahs, Sue Metzger, Carolyn Mohn, Cathy Nelson, Dot Probst and staff liaison Steve Henry. Dave Booms joined us later for StoryBoard presentation.

Steve Henry update: Vinyl lettering has been removed from walls in the Commons area by Franz Reprographics. Steve needs to touch up some areas with paint. This will need to dry for 72 hours minimum before new vinyl lettering can be installed. Franz Reprographics will install the new lettering: ‘Love God, Love Your Neighbor’ on the South wall and ‘A Community United By Grace’ on the North wall. The total invoice for this project is $530.00. Dot has been the committee contact on this project.

The 16ft. Unity Ribbon Project will be moved to the Social Hall. The team measured and discussed with Steve, Connie and Colleen the wallspace to install the project. It will be permanently secured to the concrete wall so once placed it will stay there quite awhile! Steve will proceed with this project as time permits. The 3 Hi Que art pieces will be rehung on the north Commons wall at that time. Marlaine has been the committee contact on this project.

Worship Center Shades: Steve showed us the original quote for shades from Hirshfield’s with the commercial grade hardware he recommends. The shades are made by Hunter Douglas and the color we all agreed to is called ‘Cargo’. Marlaine has a contact at Hirshfield’s and Hammernick’s and she will work to get us the best price possible. The budget request was for $5000-$6000 for the budget year 2018-2019. We want to be ready to order if and when the budget request is approved.

RLC Budget Proposal: Sue presented the budget she sent to John Shardlow for the Design Committee for 2018-2019. We are pleased to be included in this process.

New Art : This is also a budget request for next year. In the meantime we hope to find posters or photo collage type less expensive pieces for the main office. Dot will explore options with Trish Clifford & Daniel Pederson. (Community themes, etc. ??) Marlaine’s daughter, Ella, may be able to help with photography and designing of a collage.

We will also keep looking for a new piece in the Commons replacing the past Mission Statement displayed on the southeast wall near the entrance doors.

Annual Report: Sue will write and submit to Daniel Pederson by May 7. We will use the Easter ”Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia “ Banner as our story for this year.

Dave Booms & StoryBoarding: Dave walked us through the goals of this exercise and the hope that all committees will have their input represented in the grand plan they present to Council sometime this summer. We participated with our ideas, collating common themes, adding them to the overall Campus Improvement Plan. Worship window shades; new coffee bar space; new furniture in mezzanines; updating bathrooms; and new art were high on our list.

Date: May 13, 2018

1. Call to Order

*Jeff Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:10 am May 13, 2018*

1. Establish a Quorum
   1. Members present*: Jeff Johnson, John Shardlow, Mike Dolan, Beth Jacobson, Joe Zeigler.*
   2. Members absent: Keith Gilbert, *Tom Lund, Jessica Henry, Darci Bontrager*.
2. Approval of Agenda

*A motion to approve the agenda was made by Beth and seconded by John. The motion was approved unanimously.*

1. Change of language for the date of the Annual meeting.

*A motion to approve a change of language in the church constitution was made, changing the date of the annual meeting: The annual meeting of the Congregation will be held no earlier than June and no later than September, as designated by the church Council. The motion was made by Joe and seconded by Beth. The motion was approved unanimously. The change will be presented and voted on at the June Annual meeting.*

1. Adjournment

*A motion to adjourn was made by John and seconded by Mike. The motion was approved unanimously.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Mike Dolan*

*Council Vice President*

*Roseville Lutheran Church*

**Mission & Outreach Ministry Team update: May 2018 Darci Bontrager**

**Meeting – May 16**

**Project Home – Update – Kevin Miller**

Permit is needed for Feb 2019

**FMSC Update**

Raised $22,000 with some funds left to carry over to next year, The FMSC team is looking at quarterly packs at the FMSC site in Eagan

**Our Neighbors and Me – Dot**

April 29th - Justice Choir performed at RLC at 6 PM *150 to 200 people with $525 Donation that night and $300 from ONAM funds*

ONAM Retreat was Saturday May 5th 9:00-12:00 at RLC - *25-30 people with good feedback*

**Slovakia Spring Trip - Update**

M&O gave the Builders Group with $1,000 for this trip, 20th anniversary letter for Pastors Sara and Lauren, which will be from the RLC congregation to Martin Slovakia congregation and the Bible School.

**2018 /2019 RLC Calendar**

**August Focus**

**Central Park Elementary Service Projects-** Painting, counter tops, cleaning

**September - Focus**:  Education

**Keystone Community Services -** Sign up RLC Members to work Food Shelf shifts

**Central Park Elementary -** Collect Supplies in August and September for Central Park Elementary (Underwear, socks and generic pants, Fall Jackets, and then Winter boots, Jackets and Snowpants)

Sign up for Sheridan Story and Central Park Tutors

Sign up for Central Park Elementary Volunteer Opportunities- PTA events, Bingo Night, School Carnival, Back to School BBQ

**October - Focus**:

**Tanzania Scholarship Focus**

**Central Park Drive**

Chrome books - $310 ea or cart for $10k, Documents cameras - $300 ea, Early Reader Books - $1,000

**November - Focus**:

**Stewardship**

**Food Drive for Keystone** from Mid- Nov until Christmas to benefit Keystone Community-Focus will be TBD **Thanksgiving Offering** - Keystone Community unless other opportunity comes up

**December - Focus**:

**Food Drive for Keystone** from Mid-Nov until Christmas to benefit Keystone Community

**Sharing Tree -** Christmas trees with tags in the commons Thanksgiving weekend Nov 24-25 with gifts returned by December 16th - Groups for the Sharing Tree (HCC, Central Park Elementary – Cub and Aldi cards + Boots, jackets and snowpants, MORE, HCC, Dwelling Place, Project Home – BUT decrease the numbers, Bridging – Dishes, pots & pans, Blankets and sheets, Sheridan Story – Cards for support)

**Warm Toes and Tummies -** Sock drive for the December Loaves and Fishes

First Sunday of Advent - Cornerstone - **PJ Sunday - ?? change to boots, jackets, snowpants, underwear, socks, pants for Central Park -** Cornerstone, Luther League and RAW have pajama day, pajamas donated.

**January - Focus**:

**Dresser Build and Big Wrap** –(Flock, Confirmation, Family Serve Sunday)

**Mission Month Speakers -TBD**

**Project home -**signing up for volunteers

**February - Focus**:

**Project Home-** February 28, 10:10 Presentation - volunteers share stories of serving

**Keystone-** Focus on the Angel Fund as we discuss Homeless needs and housing needs in our Community

**March - Focus**:

**Keystone Community -** Food Drive in March for MN Foodshare Month

**Slovakia** (youth mission trip)

**April – Focus**

**Feed My Starving Children**

**May - Focus**:

**ONAM – Dot**

**Our Neighbors and Me**

**Annual Report to M & O**

**Next Meeting – June 7th, 2018 at 5 PM in the library**

1. Call to Order

*Jeff Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:50 am May 20, 2018*

1. Establish a Quorum
   1. Members present*: Jeff Johnson, Mike Dolan, Keith Gilbert, Darci Bontrager, Beth Jacobson.*
   2. Members absent: *Tom Lund, Jessica Henry, Joe Zeigler, John Shardlow*.
2. Approval of Agenda

*A motion to approve the agenda was made by Darci and seconded by Mike. The motion was approved unanimously.*

1. Approval of May Endowment Committee recommendations for grants.

*A motion to approve the Endowment committee selections for May grants was made by Beth and seconded by Mike. The motion was approved unanimously. The selections are attached.*

1. Adjournment

*A motion to adjourn was made by Keith and seconded by Mike. The motion was approved unanimously.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Mike Dolan*

*Council Vice President*

*Roseville Lutheran Church*

To: RLC Congregational Council

From: KJ Bach, Chair Endowment Fund Board of Directors

Date: May 14, 2018

Subject: May 2018 Grant Requests Approval

The current Endowment Fund assets are $$481,594 Based on current investment earnings, $10,815 is available for distribution for this grant cycle.

The Endowment Committee continues to take an in depth look at estate planning to increase the endowment assets. Our congregation is an older demographic and we need to explore opportunities for giving to the Endowment for not only sustainability but to increase available funds for future grant requests.

Eight grant applications were reviewed, with seven approved for full or partial funding.

The following grants applications are brought before the Council for their approval:

1. $ 750 Wapo/Wilderness Canoe Base Shed Build

2. $2000 RLC Van (3rd of 4 yr commitment)

3. $1250 Presidents Dinner

4. $2400 Joint Adult Ed/Rm. 40 A/V Upgrade

5. $2500 RLC Youth Slovakia Trip Retreat A

6. $ 900 Holy Hoops

7. $1000 Westside Community- Healthcare for the Homeless Gift Card Incentive B

(A) We would consider additional funding at our Fall 2018 grant request meeting for the Slovakia Youth Retreat once Michael Jordan has a more precise idea of the number of participants.

(B) Since Healthcare for the Homeless is instituting a new incentive for their clients to obtain and keep follow-up healthcare appointments via $10.00 gift cards, we will suggest they obtain those cards through our youth program.

Total Grant amount = $10,800, slightly less than the available funds of $10,815.

**Motion: To approve the recommendations of the Endowment Fund Committee for May 2018 Grant Requests as written (or revised by Council).**