

## **Core Team Summary - December 2016**

### **Budget**

Approved a BALANCED Budget

### **Finance/ End of Year Projections**

Finances look great; as always, the month of December will determine whether or not we end in the black for the year. So far, 238 pledge cards have been returned for a total of \$766,000+. We are considering a mortgage refinance with Thrivent, as our loan needs to renew anyway, and will save us money in the long run.

### **Turkey Dinner proceeds distribution**

Spirit River UMC in Isanti (a fairly new ministry) no longer receives Conference assistance. They have a vibrant food ministry, with grocery giveaways and monthly community meals. Motion, Jill, Second, Sadie-jo: One half of the Turkey Dinner proceeds, or \$2,850, will be sent to Spirit River UMC for their food ministry, and the other half will support ministries within our own congregation. Motion passed.

### **Archiving**

Ken Hoffman presented an opportunity for our church files to be archived through the Mormons. This is free of charge. Questions about confidentiality arose. Ken will get a group of 3-4 people to create a proposal to the Core Team, if it is appropriate once the questions have been addressed.

### **MCCI**

Dan will attend a weekend event in Mankato in mid-January to see firsthand how things really flow. The Self Study is continuing to be worked on. Most importantly, we need as many people as possible to attend the all day training on Saturday, March 25, and a combined service Sunday morning, March 26 at 10:30. The entire service will be the presentation of the findings from the MCCI team, with some lay participation. There will then be a 28 day discernment period, in which we will pray about it, and decide whether or not we accept the prescriptions. We must accept all or none. We can't just pick the ones we want. More to come about Town Hall meetings to be held during this period.

### **Welcome/Hospitality Update**

Coffee in the Commons is a great hit

Respectfully submitted by Jill Easton, Secretary