

JANUARY 2010 MINISTRY TEAM MINUTES

Congregational Growth Ministry Team minutes Last meeting: January 12, 2010

Attendees:

Rich Flamang
Shannon Howard
Jen Wageman

Staff:

Pastor Dismer

Excused:

Chris Allen
Dan Grawe
Lance Schmidt

Items that may require Council action: None

Items that may require budget/finance coordination: Potential fund raising efforts for the downtown site Connection Center

Important items of information:

- Discussion around the construction of the downtown Connection Center and its importance. CGMT feels that this project should remain top of mind even in tough budget times. Various types fundraising efforts were discussed and will be put in place to ensure the funds are available. Construction and design will begin after that with an anticipated completion late in 2010.
- Conversations about prospective new member and new member care. Development of a hospitality team that would personally contact/visit prospective new members who complete the visitors card. Pastoral telephone calls or personal visits would be followed by a personal visit form an FELC Welcomer. That person would deliver and loaf of bread or other baked item along with a list of upcoming FELC events and/or a personal invitation or tickets to the church picnic, etc. It was felt that we at FELC need to become more engaging with our prospective members to help bring new families to the church. The FELC Welcomers could, in some cases, be Confirmation Students and their parents. We will coordinate with the Youth Ministry team to see whether this is possible.
- The team discussed membership of the Congregational Growth Ministry Team. Jen Wegeman and Rich Flamang's terms are expiring in February. Both have agreed to remain on the team in a reduced capacity for a period of time to help transition and growth. Lance Schmidt may become a member of the Church Council and if he does will likely need to step aside from GCMT. Members of the CGMT will be tasked with personally inviting potential new members to the next meeting in order to grow the team by 100%. Many exciting ideas, tasks, and programs that are designed to grow membership at FELC are on the slate and it will take considerable time and manpower to implement most of them. Sub teams will be established in order to make the most of these opportunities and to spread the work load, allow the programs to be put in play, and generate the most interest in FELC while using existing facilities and managing the budget efficiently.
- The list of projects mentioned above were reviewed and members will be giving their input over the next week in order to prioritize them by quarter fro 2010.

Submitted by: Rich Flamang