

FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM MINUTES

Last Meeting date: July 14, 2009

Items that may require Council action: None

Items that may require budget/finance coordination: Potentially- As of this fall, Y&FM will be in charge of Wednesday Night worship. We would like to discuss the budgetary implications of this.

Meeting Minutes-Special July Meeting

Attendees:

Ross Larson

Meri Hujet

Kathy DesRochers

Ellen Evensen

Kris Sather

Yvette Woerishofer

Excused:

John Dougherty,

Andrew Moscinski

Special Guests- Ethan Cook, Julia Hujet (Ethan and Julia attended on behalf of FELC interns), Emilie Larson.

Due to the large amount of Youth and Family activities during the summer, our ministry team decided to have an off-site meeting during the month of July to discuss the progress of our summer activities.

We started the meeting by listening to feedback from the interns on the progress of the summer so far. The programming has been going well, but attendance has been less than expected, leading to the cancellation of some events, such as the Galvan's breakfast devotions and the High School Camp-out.

We discussed Lifest, and the FELC camp-out at Lifest, hosted by two of our interns. Although camping at Lifest went relatively well, the ministry team suggested that in future years, we offer the option of making day trips with the interns instead of camping out, to avoid any logistical problems of camping.

The "Bite Back" concert at Harmony Cafe on August 7th has been progressing well. Planning is on schedule, with American Fiction and Nichole Savitas as some of the featured artists. We

briefly discussed Thrivent involvement in this event, possibly as a "Care Abounds in Communities" activity. Paperwork for Thrivent involvement has not yet been filled out. American Fiction recently completed recording an EP album specifically for this event, which will be sold at the event for 5 dollars. All the proceeds from this sale will be donated to the "Bite Back" program. There will be no charge to attend this concert. Tell a friend, tell a relative, tell a stranger! Be there or be square!

Discussion then moved to the upcoming ELCA National Youth Gathering. FELC youth will be departing on July 21st at 3:00 PM SHARP from the North Site parking lot. John Worzala has agreed to take over the role as "Lead Chaperone" for this trip, as Andrew Moscinski has been excused from attending for personal reasons. Every attendee of the National Youth Gathering will be spending a day doing service work. FELC youth will have their service day on Thursday, July 23rd.

The fall season is quickly approaching, and a brief discussion was held about potential events for September/October/November. We would like to have events that fit into four Categories- Worship, Outreach, Learning, and Fellowship.

As of this fall, Youth and Family Ministries will officially be in charge of the Wednesday night worship that occurs in close relationship with the confirmation program. We foresee this service to be primarily youth-led in the future. We briefly discussed the financial significance of this decision. The understanding of this ministry team is that we may be financially responsible for this service, as well.

Our group discussed the future of the Sunday Night "Gathering" that started last spring. Due to limitations in budget, volunteers, staffing, and attendance, we have decided to put the "Gathering" on hold for the indefinite future in order to focus our efforts on Wednesday night worship.

As a friendly reminder, we are still looking for volunteers to become confirmation small-group leaders. We urge everyone in the congregation to consider this wonderful opportunity. For those with limited time to volunteer, consider team-teaching a confirmation class, either with your spouse/significant other or with a friend. The youth of FELC will benefit from having another positive Christian influence in their lives, and you may find that you may learn a thing or two, as well!

Our team briefly discussed having an intern appreciation potluck meal at some time in early August. Contact our ministry team if you would like to know more, or if you would like to offer your support.

Minutes submitted by: Ross Larson