

Ministry Team: Learning Ministry

Meeting Date: May 10, 2011

ATTENDEES:

**Nancy Ashland
Jeff Cieslik
Kim Comerford
Anita Damon
Donna Haberland
Tracy Murray
Candy Rusin**

Guest – Emily Forslin

Excused: N/A

Items that may require council action:

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Items that may require budget/finance coordination:

- None

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New Task Force (see minutes for details):

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Ministry team minutes:

- Existing Task Forces:
 - a) Evening Family Camp – we met jointly with the Family & Youth ministry team and after much discussion; it was decided to postpone this activity as it is currently scheduled due to lack of participation at this time. It was discussed to build up to an event like this by possibly introducing family activities around the Wednesday night worship services coming up, or explore having a few families being interested to pilot a family night event and then work on expansion from there. Jeff suggested that we do a post-mortem exercise on what were some of the variables that contributed to this not becoming successful, so we can have a better plan for next summer. Donna will advertise the postponement notice in the June newsletter.
 - b) Teacher Appreciation – Flower Packets with notes were delivered to teachers on May 1st. It was decided in lieu of buying flowers for the teachers on the last day of Sunday School, to use the money to make a donation for “Feed my Starving Children” in the Sunday School Teacher’s names. Anita/Donna will handle the notes on that so the teachers know with also posting it for FELC.
 - c) Vacation Bible School – moving along as planned. Uncertain of sign-ups at this time, but still early. This is set for the week of August 1-4 from 9:00 – Noon for the PS – 5th graders. This year 6th graders will be asked to be helpers.

- Items of Discussion:
 1. The Grade 6 intro to confirmation night held on April 27th went very well with a great turnout, as well as the May 4th fellowship (Bowling). Family Youth led this effort with support from Learning and it looks to be something we want to continue. Other ideas were to possibly integrate some of the Confirmation Lessons in 6th grade to better prepare them as well as expand the timeline so things do not seem to be too much when they get to 7th grade; as well as thoughts given to a mentor program of a 9th grader willing to be paired up with a 7th grader to assist with their Confirmation by using their own experience.
 2. Spark Family Devotional Magazines were given to Sunday School Grades 1-3, only 1 response back on how much it was liked or how to be used. Team decided to use the magazines as prizes for the 90-day reading challenge as well as having them as an option for Baptismal Birthday prizes. Also having about a dozen or so available at each location along with the Lutheran Magazine.
 3. Read the Bible in 90 Days – (June 1st – August 28th) Envelopes for options to purchase Bible, Bible Companion and Participants guide have been made available. Bookmarks and children's reading sheets will be available this Sunday (5/15). There have been enough leaders identified to facilitate small groups on Wednesday evenings before and after Wednesday night service and Sunday mornings if we can get enough interest in the groups. The plan is to have an information table on Sundays in May so people can ask questions.
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 1. Confirmation and Sunday school Review – Sunday School Teachers have been invited to a May 18th huddle following the Campfire Service to get their input on curriculum review, attendance and any suggestions for next year. Teacher surveys are coming back in with great response in coming back to teach again next season.
 2. Parent Online Survey – Anita handed a hard copy out to the team with a request for review and if they can also take the survey on-line as a test. Target is to send out to as many parents that we have e-mail addresses for by the end of the Sunday School Season.
 5. Teacher recruitment for next season – it is going well and will re-visit if help is needed from the LMT members to assist with recruitment.
 6. FELC history for website is updated and will be posted at www.felc.com
 7. Library update – nothing new from last month. Helping with the child summer reading challenge on coming up with ideas for the Read the Bible in 90 days – methods of recording and recognition.
- New Task Forces Envisioned – table until next meeting to discuss

Submitted by: Tracy Murray