

FELC Ministry Team Minutes

Ministry Team: Learning Ministry

Meeting Date: November 8, 2011

ATTENDEES:

Kim Comerford
Anita Damon
Tracy Murray
Candy Rusin

EXCUSED:

Nancy Ashland
Jeff Cieslik
Donna Haberland

Items that may require council action:

- None

Items that may require budget/finance coordination:

- None

New Task Force (see minutes for details):

- Sunday School Evaluation – waiting to have conversations with Pastors Mary and Jeff. Want to make sure we get something going before next school year. Item tabled until January.

Ministry team minutes:

- Items of Discussion:
 - a. Visit from ad-hoc committee reviewing ministry team structure
 - We received a draft of the committee recommendations and briefly went over it. Two things that stuck out for us were the level of authority that each team has (what is the hierarchy, what are the protocols) and the possibility of a consolidation of Learning and Family & Youth Ministries, with smaller “task forces” for specific areas.
 - Any other feedback we think of can be sent to Nancy Ashland.
 - b. 9:15 parent’s question about dismissal to Sunday School after children’s sermon *A parent asked if thought has been given to having students in the 9:15 service until the children’s sermons & then be dismissed to Sunday School since the children’s sermons are so great. For their little ones a full service & Sunday School gets to be too much.*
 - We discussed this idea and felt that it would be too disruptive to have all of the Sunday School kids do this, but encourage any families who want to do this on their own to do so. We felt it would be too disruptive to the service to

have the entire SS do this and would take more time, and therefore push back the 10:30 service.

- Ideas for building some worship Sundays into the SS curriculum where children can worship with their families during the 9:15 service. Tabled till January.
- c. Background checks info from Ministry Mobilizer info
- We do a background check on any volunteer that works with kids. Would it be worth it to get Ministry Mobilizer which does a more in-depth check than we can do? It would be \$300/year and \$14.95 per person.
 - Who pays for it? Would it be a Learning Ministry expense?
 - Tracy will find out from Huntley what the school system uses and the cost.
- d. Bethel Bible January /Bible in 90 days in January
- There will be a Bethel Bible class starting in January, Monday nights.
 - Bible in 90 days to start in January, Anita is looking for a facilitator.
- e. Pastor Jeff & staff discipleship emphasis planning
- f. Other items we briefly discussed:
- How to diversify the Sunday School curriculum?
 - Is the 9:15 service necessary at the Downtown Site? Would a service-learning time-service approach be better? No worship during the learning time.
 - Candy suggested that the Sunday after Thanksgiving be a movie Sunday and that we should be aware of what the school schedules are like.
 - Do we offer too many options? It may be hard for people to choose what to come to when there is so much offered.
- g. We should start thinking about how an intern would be useful to the Learning Ministry and give feedback to new Intern Enrichment Ministry Team.
- h. Learning Ministry Team will NOT meet in December.

Submitted by: Kim Comerford