

**Ministry Team: Learning Ministry**

**Meeting Date: April 10, 2012**

**ATTENDEES:**

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

Items that may require council (or Executive Committee) action:

LMT is researching prices for background checks for FELC volunteers

- Our church insurance company has a reduced rate for Lexis Nexis background checks - \$5 for national criminal file search.
- Estimated volunteers that would need to be checked is around 80-100, which would be a \$400-\$500 annual expense.
- Maybe this should be an inter-ministry budget expense since Confirmation volunteers go through Youth and Family and Shut-In volunteers go through Congregational Life.

Items that may require budget/finance coordination:

- None

New Task Force (see minutes for details):

- None

Ministry team minutes:

Items of Discussion:

1. Visibility of LMT - Anita is making a list of learning opportunities
  - Anita made up a nice list of all of the learning opportunities we offer. She also brought up maybe doing the kid's Bible in 90 days this summer but skipping the adult version. Candy thought that summer works pretty well for adults. Anita suggested we offer it and see if anyone signs up. She will work on this.
2. From last month - Jeff brought up the idea of having us each donate a dollar per meeting and then at the end of the year either going to dinner, giving it to Feed My Starving Children, or donating it to another charity.
  - We agreed to do this as a team and to challenge the other ministry teams as well. Tracy will decorate a large box for the next meeting and Jeff will announce it to the ministry teams that meet that night.
  - We could vote once a year on where to donate it. Other ideas than above: Good Samaritan fund or giving it to a congregant in need.
3. Vacation Bible School
  - Spark Summer – Splash in God's word theme. There are four water stories that the kids will go through. Simple and cost effective, but will still require around the same number of volunteers. Dates are August 6-9.
4. Support for Sunday School teacher's family – child with cancer
  - One of the Sunday School teachers (Margie) has a child with cancer. We discussed and decided that since several Sunday School teachers have asked, a letter will be given to them this Sunday instructing them on how to donate some money for a VISA gift card.
5. Teacher Appreciation idea on last day of Sunday School
  - This year for Teacher Appreciation we will either get Altar flowers for both sites or have bouquets at the coffee tables at both sites and will list the names of the teachers as a thank you.

6. DS Nursery volunteer coordinator & volunteers needed
  - Still searching for a DS nursery volunteer coordinator. We did have two more people help on a Sunday. Since only about five families use the nursery, should we continue to offer it? Some Sunday School teachers rely on it while they are teaching. Just something to think about.
7. Technology committee report regarding viewing worship service in nursery
  - Technology Committee tried a wireless system from Sues and the walls were too thick for it to work. They will keep looking for other ideas.
8. Study with Pastor Jeff *The Present Future – Six Tough Questions for the Church* – Wednesdays, April 25 through May 30, 7-8 p.m., Downtown Site Lounge
  - It is okay if you can't make it to all of the classes. Registration is now available online. The class is looking at church trends today and how to reach out to people for the future.
9. Lay School of Ministry information at Ministry Teams on May 8; temple talk on April 29
10. Library update
  - New computer software system is up and running and should speed up the process of cataloging and getting the books on the shelves.
11. Church Picnic
  - The church picnic is May 20<sup>th</sup> from noon – 2:30. Our team will help with ticket sales, both beforehand and on the day of the picnic.
12. Donation Received
  - We received a \$500 memorial gift to be used in the area of learning. Some ideas on how to spend this would be children's books on grief, equipment, Bibles for classrooms.

Submitted by: Kim Comerford