

**Ministry Team: Youth Connections Ministry Team**

**Meeting Date: August 7, 2012**

**ATTENDEES:**

**Julie Doerfler  
Ellen Evensen  
Barbara Hoyer  
Valerie Kent  
Kris Sather  
Rick Sather**

**Excused:**

**John Dougherty  
Travis Kent  
Kirsten Owens  
Tyler DesRochers**

Items that may require council action:

- none

Items that may require budget/finance coordination:

- none

New Task Force (include in minutes plus complete the form in the team folder)

- none

Ministry team minutes:

- Reviewed YTD spending for Family and Youth Ministry team – no issues
- Julie shared a plan/proposal for Youth Groups on Sunday mornings at both sites. We agreed to lift this up as key connection opportunity between youth and adults. Several adults will be asked to provide support for the Sunday morning youth groups. This will both increase the number of connections and provide some flexibility to the adults to rotate support on Sunday mornings. We also agreed to take several steps to communicate the plan and work to seek as much awareness as possible. This includes a letter to homes, social media, establishing a core group of senior high youth who we will ask to reach out to others.
- We also discussed the plan to kick-off Wednesday evening reFUEL on September 12<sup>th</sup> including a “pizza party to meet Pastor Bryan.” We will also reach on in several ways to bring awareness to Wednesday refuel.
- We agreed to “go public” will all prayer partners for confirmation students as a way to further increase connection opportunities. Julie will follow up with Kathy DesRoches to continue prayer partners for Confimants going further into High School and will follow up with our updated plans for prayer partners.
- Youth Connections communication – Sunday, September 16 has been established as the day to celebrate and lift up youth connections in the congregations. We agreed to prepare several activities
  - Newsletter and/or bulletin announcement with some background information about Youth Connections Sunday (Rick to draft)
  - Ask to kick-off September 11 Ministry team meetings (Rick)
  - Video to share at the beginning of each service (Meri Hujet has developed)
  - Presentation to share story (Rick to draft)
  - Pastoral message (Rick to follow up)
  - Gathering areas table before and after services
    - Board of pictures
    - Youth opportunities/sign up
    - Youth Connections workshop for adults (tentatively planning to conduct on October 10 from 7:05 to 8:00 pm) – get with Kirsten to work into schedule
  - Ask youth to host the coffee hour on September 16

- We agreed to set up an adult workshop for youth connections on October 10<sup>th</sup>. We will further develop this plan in our September meeting.
- Chaperone Policy – we agreed to develop a chaperone policy for youth trips and activities - Ellen agreed to develop a draft.
- Joseph the musical – agreed to work with a three year rotation (NYG, Mission Trip and Musical) with a plan for Joseph in 2014.
- Mission trip – planning meeting scheduled August 8.
- Youth Connections gap planning
  - High school (post confirmation) - agreed that our plans for Sunday Youth Group and refuel should be the focus for the next two months and we would defer any additional planning activities.
  - Adult connections – agreed to leverage workshop planned for October 10<sup>th</sup>
  - As part of Wednesday evening activities we will reinforce senior high leadership opportunities through music and skits
- Next meeting – September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the North Site

Submitted by: Rick Sather