

Ministry Team: Learning Ministry
Meeting Date: January 11, 2012

ATTENDEES:

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

Items that may require council action:

- None

Items that may require budget/finance coordination:

- None

New Task Force (see minutes for details):

- None

Ministry team minutes:

Items of Discussion:

- a. Background checks info from Ministry Mobilizer
Tracy is waiting to hear back from Huntley about what kinds of checks they do. Anita is finding out insurance requirements.
- b. Baptismal gift to FELC families – see sample book and newsletter
Anita passed around some books that we could give the parents at baptism instead of giving them the 12 newsletters. Discussed giving the “parent” book at the class and the board book at the baptism. How do we make sure parents who don’t take the class still get the book?
Thoughts that the book expense should be shared with Congregational Growth.
- c. Discovering Your Call Retreat – on Discipleship scheduled at NS on April 13 from 6:30 - 9 p.m. and April 14 from 8:30 – 5 p.m. with guest presenter Pastor Wendy (friend of Pastor Mary)
- d. Pastor Jeff looking at synod recommended study “Unbinding the Gospel”
Pastor Jeff is trying to get a small group of church leaders together to do this study and then expand it church wide.
- e. Open House – February 7th
We discussed what we want to say and Nancy will be our presenter. Came up with some ideas of people to invite including the Sunday School teachers. If you come up with any others, feel free to invite them or to let Donna or Anita know.
- f. IMPACT
We decided to do a “cash basket”. We will have a Learning Shop gift certificate and then have cash in the basket and have them maybe guess how much money there is in the basket? Still discussing this. We will collect cash at the next ministry team meeting.

- g. Previously discussed Sunday School Evaluation

Discussions with Pastor Jeff have been underway. He says that Sunday School is still relevant but he is open to dialogue if we want to go down another path. Nancy will talk to her neighbor about what the Alliance church does for Sunday School. Tracy will check with Faith Lutheran on their Sunday School program.
- Ideas from Nov. meeting
 - a) Cheerio boxes/canned goods collection by Sunday School

Also discussed the “Fill the Trailer” event with this. Thoughts to make it a competition between groups of grades, i.e. 1-3 against 4-5, so the smaller classes would have a chance. If this is done in the spring, the winning group could get an extra prize at the church picnic.

A question about whether there would be a better response to the Fill the Trailer event if it weren't in November, since most community places do their events around the holidays.
 - b) Lay School of Ministry – publicity; perhaps a temple talk

Anita will contact somebody about times to do that. Temple talks are great because having someone come speak is more effective than having something written. Idea to maybe have temple talks at the beginning of a ministry team meeting as well.
 - c) Review discussion of children's sermons/Sunday School dismissal

We decided to table this to see if we get any more requests from parents. Idea to maybe build in a once a semester “Family Worship Day”
 - d) Nursery toy cleaning – maybe a service project for C3/Sunday School

We have one Sunday School teacher willing to do this with her class.
 - e) Nothing spent from 2011 budget for Downtown Site decorating coffeehouse

The coffeehouse idea is under advisement to figure out the logistics and purpose. Who is going to run it? What is the goal? How much does the church invest in it?
 - f) Possibly give a stipend to anyone attending Synod Assembly in June – covered in another MT budget, no longer question for LMT.
 - g) Money for Stephen Ministry is in Congregational Life Budget no longer question for LMT

Submitted by: Kim Comerford