

**Ministry Team: Learning Ministry**

**Meeting Date: March 13, 2012**

**ATTENDEES:**

**Nancy Ashland  
Jeff Cieslik  
Kim Comerford  
Anita Damon  
Tracy Murray**

**EXCUSED:**

**Donna Haberland  
Zay Lenaburg  
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) CHART – show sample of oral history recording at LMT meeting. CHART will tell about all areas of their work at April 10 Ministry Team opening.
    - We viewed a few minutes of the oral history, very interesting.
  - b) Visibility of LMT -
    - Anita will type up a general list of all the programs/classes offered during the year. On average, 10-12 people attend classes.
    - Once a quarter – maybe we could highlight one of the groups? Or have comments from people who have attended printed in either the bulletin or the newsletter?
    - A learning opportunity is still important no matter how many people attend.
  - c) DS Nursery volunteer coordinator needed
    - Will post something in the bulletin/newsletter for this position and note that we are also in need of weekly nursery volunteers.
    - Idea brought up about maybe having some confirmation students volunteer in conjunction with an adult?

- d) Technology committee requests list of technology needs & timeline. (they assisted with updating the library computer & software in March)
- Idea brought up about getting the service played in the nursery so we might get more volunteers who don't want to miss the service, whether this is through running the 8:00 service tape, piping in the service, setting up cameras, or having a TV in the nursery.
  - Jeff has a spare TV for the nursery if needed.
- e) Discovering Your Call Retreat – on Discipleship scheduled at DS on April 13 from 6:00 - 9:30 p.m. and April 14 from 8:30 – 3:00 p.m.
- f) 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
- Anita thinks it would be helpful for some people from our ministry team to attend this class. She will ask if it is ok if people can only make it to half of the classes.
- g) Lay School of Ministry – publicity at Ministry Team opening May 8; temple talk April 29
- About 22 graduates since it started in 2000
  - A previous graduate will talk about the Lay School and maybe how they are using it in their life, not necessarily just within the church.
- h) BYG Family Easter “Egg”stravaganza March 30 DS 6:00-7:00 p.m., with a possible optional Easter video to follow.
- More help needed to man the stations. Another area where maybe Confirmation students could help out?
- i) Updates on research for background checks
- Anita is still gathering information but wants us to stay on top of this
  - Brenda Smongeski said the church insurance company has reduced rates for background checks – she will look into that
  - Nexus Lexus and Protect My Ministry are other companies we could use who might also give us a discounted rate.
  - Jeff will contact Laura about doing a check on these two companies to make sure they are both legitimate.
  - Tracy will look at the proposal/contract
  - We need to decide what information we all need, how many years back to check, etc. so that we don't overpay for services we don't need.
- j) Do we want to charge for VBS?
- For the last few years we have been charging \$5 per child, \$15 max per family.
  - Budget covers VBS, so this year we'll suggest a donation
- k) 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.

Submitted by: Kim Comerford