

# FELC Ministry Team Minutes

**Ministry Team: Youth Connections Ministry Team**

**Meeting Date: May 17, 2012**

**ATTENDEES:**

Julie Doerfler  
Barbara Hoyer  
Kris Sather  
Rick Sather

**Excused:**

John Dougherty  
Travis Kent  
Valerie Kent  
Kirsten Owens  
Tyler DesRochers

Items that may require council action:

- none

Items that may require budget/finance coordination:

- Camp Scholarships – we discussed the need to support summer camp scholarships and agreed that since we are spending below budget year-to-date that we would support the scholarships from our current budget. If later in the year, we run into an overall budget shortfall we will come back to council and ask for additional funds at that time.

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
- Activity update:
  - Graduating High School Senior Sunday – four seniors signed up for lunch so plans were adjusted to go out for lunch. We discussed what adjustments we could make for 2013 and this will fit in as part of our gap planning
  - May 31 evening of music – high school youth performances; all are encouraged to attend and show support
  - National Youth Gathering fund raising will begin on June 10<sup>th</sup> at each location and a June 12<sup>th</sup> fundraiser will be held at Echoes.
  - Discussed support for the Church picnic. Summer program sign up will be available at the picnic
- We agreed to proceed with plans to extend the prayer partners for 9<sup>th</sup> grade confirmants as a good first step. We had a great discussion about the opportunity for mentors and will develop that plan at a later date.
- Kirsten Owens has planned a confirmation planning session on June 18. This will be a one-time meeting to get input on the plans and changes for the confirmation program this fall.
- Strategic plan update

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- Shared feedback from staff, north site, downtown site and youth. Across these groups we have received feedback from nearly 20 people. General feedback has been very positive with many good ideas and discussion. This input will be used to update the strategic plan.
  - Agreed to change the name of the Ministry Team to Youth Connections Ministry team. This was based on discussion with the Pastors and staff. If necessary, we will seek Church council approval for this change.
  - We also agreed to share our ministry team plan with the Church Council.
  - We then plan to develop a communication plan for the congregation to engage them with the primary goal for our ministry team
  - We also agreed to start working on gap priorities and specifics. However, we will hold on most of the planning until the new Pastor is in place. We feel it is important for the new Pastor to help form and develop these plans with the ministry team.
- Follow up items:
    - Follow up with Kathy DesRoches for the letter to prayer partners – Julie
    - Schedule a review of the strategic plans with the Church Council – Rick
    - Develop a communication to share with the congregation for the Youth Connections Ministry team plans – Rick
  - Next meeting – June 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 pm at the North Site

Submitted by: Rick Sather

## Youth Connections Ministry Team

### Opportunity Areas – updated May, 2012

#### Role and focus for the Youth Connections Ministry team:

**Support the principle of family-based youth ministry with the primary goal to equip young people to grow toward mature Christian adulthood**

#### Approach concepts:

- Ministry team role to engage with congregation to support the primary goal for family-based youth ministry
- More meaningful faith building (not about the numbers)
- Engage youth “where they are” to get their on-going input and connection to the work of this ministry team
- The Pastor with a focus on youth is not solely accountable for youth programs and connections. The entire congregation should be engaged.

#### Gap / opportunity areas:

- **Adult connections with youth**
- **Parent support and connections**
- **Youth led activities**
- **High school small group / ministry**

#### Improvement ideas:

- **Adult connections with youth**
  - Extend the prayer partner program to extend beyond confirmation (go do)
  - Peter Eide (or similar) family confirmation event with parents and confirmation youth (go do)
  - Develop youth mentors to provide support for youth going into confirmation and continue through high school and potentially longer
  - Teach adults about role/importance to connect with youth (adults know youth, know them by first name)
  - Increase intergenerational opportunities
- **Parent support and connections**
  - Parent and new student retreat summer before confirmation begins (go do)
  - Parent training before children go into confirmation
  - Bring your parent to Wednesday worship night
  - Parental support through various phases of youth development
- **Youth led activities**
  - Junior councilors (e.g. to work with summer interns on specific activities)
  - Confirmation worship lead by high school youth
  - Youth determined spending for ministry team funds (support their passions)
- **High school small group / ministry**
  - Bible study group with adults
  - Lenten study with adults