

**Ministry Team: Youth Connections Ministry Team**

**Meeting Date: November 13, 2012**

**ATTENDEES:**

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

**Excused:**

**Pastor Bryan Schmidt  
John Dougherty  
Travis Kent  
Kirsten Owens  
Tyler DesRochers**

Items that may require council action:

- none

Items that may require budget/finance coordination:

- We reviewed the 2013 budget numbers and this was in-line with what we submitted for the budget. When we submitted the budget to the support ministry team there were some specific questions that we asked to be addressed.
  1. We propose carrying over unspent funds from account 618 into a designated fund for major annual youth activity. These are on a three year rotation for the National Youth Gathering, Mission Trip and Musical. We would like the budget or designated fund to cover a portion of these expenses "off the top." This will show support to youth for these major activities from the congregation and also set a clear fundraising or expense number for them to work with to cover the remaining. In addition, scholarships are still an issue for NYG and Mission trips. We could use this designated fund to cover these needs. Also, if people come forward with financial supports for scholarships, we could then put this money into this designated fund.
  2. The other scholarship issue is for confirmation camp. Since this is an expectation/requirement we believe a portion (say \$100 each) should be supported by the Church and also have a way to cover need based scholarships. This is a gap that we do not currently have covered in the budget in any way.

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

- Facebook/social media policy / guidelines

Ministry team minutes:

- We reviewed YTD spending and we anticipate spending within/under budget for the year.
- Julie reviewed a summary of upcoming activities. There is strong interest for the 2013 mission trip to New York City with almost 20 youth expressing interest in participating.
- We reviewed our 2013 goals (send as a separate attachment)
- Sara Van Beek and Jen Wageman from the Strategic Planning committee joined our team. We had a great discussion about our "Love Jesus, Live Your Call" mission and the connection to our Ministry team. Our primary goal to "support the principle of family-based youth ministry to equip young people to grow towards mature Christian adulthood" is the call of this ministry team.
- We also discussed looking for additional members to join our team in 2013 to start the three year rotation for our ministry team. We agreed to solicit new members.
- Follow up items:
  - Chaperone Policy – Ellen to draft
  - Explore idea for all year intern support for youth activities – Julie
  - Prayer partner status - Julie
  - Social media policy for pictures / posting – Task Force
  - Solicit new Youth Connections ministry team members - All
- Next meeting – December 11<sup>th</sup>

Submitted by: Rick Sather