

Ministry Team: Learning

Meeting date: August 13, 2013

Attendees:

Jeff Cieslik
Donna Haberland
Kim Knuppel
Zay Lenaburg

Excused:

Items that may require council action: none

Items that may require budget/finance coordination TO BE PRESENTED TO SUPPORT MINISTRY TEAM before being presented to Council: none

New Task Force (include minutes plus complete the form in the team folder): none

Ministry Team Minutes:

Items of discussion:

- a. Zays' resignation ☺ - Currently looking for replacement and the position has been posted.
- b. VBS wrap up
 - Kids had a good time. Had 90 children, which was a manageable group. Had 35-40 volunteers throughout the week. The largest groups were grades 2-6.
- c. Rally Sunday – Sept. 8. Theme is “Community”; key Bible verse: “Therefore, every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith.” Galatians 6:10. The classes will be doing “Getting to Know You” games and making pipe cleaner “mosquitoes”.
 - 3rd-6th grades are doing mosquitoes and they will be sold and money donated to malaria campaign. Donna is still trying to think of something for the little ones to do. Jeff suggested we add a band around the mosquitoes sayings something like “Come visit First English” and put them around the neighborhood.
- i. Teachers still needed:
 - Keep Donna in our prayers as she calls potential Sunday School teachers
DS: 2-4 yr. old classes; 2-2nd grade classes; 1 or 2 4th grade classes; 7th grade class; team teacher for 8th grade.
NS: 1st grade, 2nd grade, 4th grade, 5th grade, grade 6, grades 9-12
 - There are three willing to teach whatever grade so will wait to see if other spots fill in.
- ii. Sunday school offering – we will use the offering this year to fill an “ark”; animals displayed with cost and thermometer chart at both sites.
 - Through Lutheran World Relief. Would love to fund a family farm at both sites.
- iii. Curriculum/Bibles: ordered Connect curriculum for grades 5/6 and Connect Bibles for 3rd graders. – They’ve arrived and will be handed out on Tuesday.
- iv. Faith Steps – will do Three Year olds this year (March 9, 16)
 - Parent/child – encourage teachers to also be there.
 - Theme is Prayer
 - Chose Faith Steps because they liked it better than Faith Stepping Stones and it was free of charge.
 - Important to get the parents involved and remember the promises they’ve made to their children. Also encourages a faith life outside of the church.
- v. Time change at the NS – The early Sunday worship will be changed to 8:15 a.m. to accommodate a new Sunday School learning time of 9:25-10:25. A special thanks to the council for approving this new extended learning time at the north site.

- d) Change the night we meet? Two people have said they are interested in joining the team, but can't meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Brainstorm names of people to ask to join:
- Could move to Monday or Thursday night. Donna will wait to hear from the two people who are interested to see what works for them.
 - Cindy Cieslik will be joining in January.
 - Zay and Jeff will either call people once Donna has phone numbers for potential members or a suggestion was made to maybe do a letter and include the "Table It" poem instead of doing cold calls. Add something referencing "Year of Invitation" and maybe "We would like you to consider . . ."
 - Some other options:
 - Pam Schroeder (NS) – Zay asked but will ask again
 - Kari Dehlinger (DS)
 - Suzanne Mitchell (DS)
 - Judy Forseth (DS)
 - Fred & Wendy Hauser – Jeff will ask
- e) Budget
- Thinking we should be able to request some more money for the NS SS – Zay will think about what increase we need (maybe 12%)
 - CHART needs another file cabinet and Jeff will bid on one next year
 - We are thinking we need an increase for SS supplies, SS curriculum, and possibly teacher training
- f) How are we being invitational?
- Rally Sunday is an invitation to start a new year.
 - Faith Steps is an invitation to families to participate in a faith life outside of church.
 - Asking people to join LMT.
- g) Zay is our new chairperson!

Ministry Team Members:

Term ends February 2014: Kim Knuppel

Council Representative: Jeff Cieslik