

Ministry Team: Youth Connections Ministry Team

Meeting Date: January 20, 2014 (No minutes from Feb. 18 meeting)

ATTENDEES:

**Barbara Hoyer
Valerie Kent
Kirsten Owens
Kris Sather
Rick Sather
Heidi Schreiner**

Excused:

**John Dougherty
Melissa Heins
Tom Kent
Pastor Bryan Schmidt**

Ministry team minutes:

- Ellen Evensen has decided to resign from the Youth Connections Ministry team to focus on other volunteer activities. We'd like to thank Ellen for her many great contributions and her continued role with Youth at FELC.
- Reviewed year-end spending for 2013. Although spending was higher than budget, this was more than offset by increased fees and other income for a net balance less than budget.
- Heidi provided a update on youth activities.
 - Wednesday night reFUEL plans include a faith story sharing by Derek Jones, a reFUEL video, and a session to be facilitated by Valerie and Tom Kent.
 - Discussed Sunday morning potential for an Unbinding Series, and agreed to use as long as it is not repeated at other forums during the week
 - Seraphim trip planning and timing being developed
 - Thursday AM breakfast – approximately 4-6 attending per week; 25 attended the alumni breakfast over the holidays
 - Plans of middle school sledding
- Kirsten provided an updated on Confirmation plans
 - Discussed plan for temple talk to lift up changes to confirmation camps and thank congregation – Kirsten to follow up on timing
 - Planning for a 9th grade transition to high school with small groups of 9th graders joining Wednesday reFUEL and a liaison to help make the connection and transition
- Kirsten shared idea for Sunday School continuity where teaches stay with same class for 3 years
- Updated 2014 goals and plans (see summary document)
- Follow up items:
 - Finalize Chaperone Policy – Heidi to review with staff, update and Rick with bring to Church Council for approval.
 - Discussed social media policy – Heidi will continue to work on a proposal
- Future activities:
 - Plan to meet with Youth twice a year (Fall and Spring)
 - Drama team idea –search for an adult leader who will be interested in leading this area
 - Workshop for parents of 3rd graders before bibles are handed out in September
 - Summer Musical

Meeting Schedule:

- February 18 – 6:30 pm at Downtown site

Submitted by: Rick Sather