

LEARNING MINISTRY TEAM

Meeting Date: January 21, 2014

Attendees:

Angella Hoffman

Donna Haberland

Jeff Cieslik

Zay Lenaburg

Becky Stellmacher

Excused:

Deanna Sanders

Kim Knuppel

Times that may require council action: None

Items that may require budget/finance coordination TO BE PRESENTED TO SUPPORT MINISTRY TEAM: None

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

Ministry team Minutes:

Welcome Becky Stellmacher to the team!

- A) Dates to host the Information Centers: LMT members will be able to host the NS Information Center on either Sunday, Feb. 9 or Feb. 16. It is difficult to get a member to host at the DS as Deanna teaches Sunday school. Donna will check with Jean Monson to see if the above dates are available.
- B) Update on Sunday school Offering: The Sunday school offering collected through 2013 equals \$2,413.52. So far, we have enough money to purchase 3 farms through Lutheran World Relief.
- C) Keeping our LMT Statement in mind, goal setting for 2014 includes:
 - “Year of Education” for 2015 – have an emphasis on how important it is to be involved in Christian Education at FELC.. Start to do a “push” in fall of 2014 by having teachers and Confirmation Small Group leaders give testimonials about their teaching experiences. Talk to the Pastors about being involved in the recruiting of teachers and small group leaders. In baptism, the congregation promises to help the children grow in their faith; we need to make sure the members of FELC follow through on this promise.
 - Explore ways to open lines of communication more with Youth Connections.
 - Schedule Teacher Training for Sunday school teachers and Confirmation leaders.
 - Becky Stellmacher and Abby Meehl may be interested in leading.
 - Research ways to put teacher training/lessons on-line. Is there an intern or church member who is familiar with using Web 2.0 tools?
 - Implement “Faith Milestones”. The 2 and 3 year olds and parents will be doing the first milestone on March 9 and 16 – “Praying Together”. Donna and Angella would like to add a new grade level each year.
 - Talk with Pastors Jeff, Mary and Bryan about visiting Sunday school classes more. Set up a schedule for each month; could they read the Bible story for that morning’s lesson? This is a great way to catch kids that are dropped off for Sunday school and don’t know the pastors.
- D) Chart Update: Jeff is working to get a 15 drawer flat filing cabinet for Chart to store flat documents in.
- E) New Members: We need to each invite one person to visit our February LMT meeting.
- F) Possible Intern Involvement this summer: We will talk about this more again in February. Need to have ideas submitted to Intern Enrichment Teach by Ash Wednesday. Some possible ideas are:
 - Helping to plan VBS – do mailings and door drops in the neighborhoods around FELC sites.
 - Help with getting Sunday school folders and information ready for fall
 - Clean/organize the supply closet at the DS
 - Possibly paint NS lower level with supervision.
 - Is there an intern that is going into education? Can talk with High school students about being involved in teaching. If the intern lives in the area, could they be a Sunday school teacher?
 - Create a spread sheet with names and e-mails of Sunday school students to be used to send out monthly e-mail “blasts” with updates and Spiritual development ideas.
- G) Make An Impact Auction: Talk in February about what should be in our basket.

Term Ends: Kim Knuppel (Feb. 2014); Deanna Sanders (Sept. 2016); Zay Lenaburg (Sept. 2016)

Council Representative: Jeff Cieslik