

FELC Ministry Team Minutes

Ministry Team: Outreach and Social Ministry

Meeting Date: July 14, 2014

ATTENDEES: Kathy Freeman, Diane Putzer, Dana Olson, Pastor Mary

Excused: Kris Helm, Nicky DeRoehn, Marcie DeGroot-Flasch,

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

Ministry team minutes:

- Old Business
 1. Interfaith Habitat for Humanity Build – FELC volunteer slots are for specific dates - August 14, 16, 26, September 4, 9, 23, October 2, 4, 7 & November 4 - and involve various work assignments. Diane has set up our volunteer schedule with sign-up slots on Sign-Up Genius.

FELC's financial commitment for the Interfaith Build is \$5000 - \$2500 due by August 12 and \$2500 due Nov 8. We will be able to meet our August 12 financial commitment and we discussed fundraising options for our November 8 commitment. Fundraising options discussed include a bake sale, a raffle of peace poles (probably 4) created by FELC members and a 2x4 "sale" (free will donation and an opportunity to write a bible verse, prayer, signature, etc. on a 2x4 that will be used in a Habitat home.)

Kathy has started making a sample peace pole and she brought pictures of peace poles she found online. Pastor Mary will contact some FELC members and ask about their interest in decorating a peace pole. We discussed having the phrase "Let Peace Prevail on Earth" somewhere on each pole. After decorating, all of the peace poles would be covered with a marine varnish.

The tentative time frame we are looking at is August 24 to Sept 14. Raffle tickets would be sold at both sites starting Sunday, August 14 and continue for three more Sundays (8/31, 9/7 & 9/14). On September 14 we would have a bake sale and draw the raffle tickets for the peace poles at the end. We would like to arrange for a Habitat speaker on that Sunday also, but it depends on when the fall Stewardship campaign begins, because we could not have two speakers/temple talks on the same Sunday. We still need to decide on a 2x4 fundraiser date.

Diane brought up the fundraiser idea of people donating money to "purchase" a window, door, step, etc. (or part of them) for the habitat homes being built at the Interfaith Build. She said there is a website where we can get that cost

information. It might inspire people to donate money if they feel they are contributing for something specific (kind of like the alternative gift fair).

Each worship community participating in the Interfaith Build is asked to provide a housewarming gift of some type to the family of the home. We thought a peace pole would be a wonderful and appropriate gift idea from FELC.

2. Refugee Resettlement in the Fox Valley – Five people have submitted the Volunteer Application Packet for FELC’s Good Neighbor Team. We hope to get a minimum of five more people so we can have a whole team from FELC. The other option is to combine with another church if we can’t form our own team of 8-10 people. Pastor Mary will send out an email with a “nudge” to members who expressed interest in helping with the refugee resettlement to encourage them to get their Volunteer Application Packets completed as soon as possible. (Pastor Jeff volunteered to do this but he is on vacation right now.)

Submitted by: Dana Olson

Next meeting is **Tuesday, August 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the NS**. Note that this is the **1st Tuesday of August**, not the typical 2nd Tuesday.