

Learning and Youth Connections Joint Ministry Team Meeting

May 22, 2014

Attendees:

Learning Ministry Team:

- Brenda Castillo
- Zay Lenaburg
- Angella Hoffman
- Donna Haberland
- Becky Stellmacher
- Gerry Edinger
- Deanna Sanders

Youth Connections Ministry Team:

- Tom Kent
- Kirsten Owens
- Pastor Bryan Schmidt
- Rick Sather

Excused:

- Valerie Kent
- Kris Sather
- Heidi Schreiner

No items requiring council action, budget/finance coordination or task force

Ministry team minutes:

The Learning and Youth Connections Ministry teams met as a combined group to review a total youth programming plan. Pastor Bryan reviewed the plan and the ministry team members provided input, ideas and suggestions to enhance and support the plan.

Bryan shared four tenants as focus areas for youth programming tied to our overall mission at FELC.

- Prayer
- Fellowship
- Outreach
- Study/Learning

The following action plan reflects changes to support the four tenants in our youth programming and address some reflection items from staff and the ministry teams.

Overview of 2014-15 Action Plan:

TOTAL YOUTH PROGRAMMING

- Small Group Leader Retreat (for all Sunday School and Confirmation small group leaders). This is a new retreat to equip leaders in their role leading youth through their faith journey. Workshop content ideas include leader expectations, sharing the plan/approach for youth faith building journey with a relay from age group to next age group, workshops for the various age group leaders and other content.
 - **[Bryan – June 1]** Develop specific topics to be covered at the retreat
 - **[Ministry Teams – June 15]** Identify and recruit 5 facilitators for retreat
 - Specialist Areas:
 - PreK/Kindergarten
 - 1st/2nd Grade
 - 3rd/4th Grade
 - 5th/6th Grade
 - 7th/8th Grade
 - Be available day of retreat to present 1 hour worth of material on learning tips, tricks, techniques for that age group

- **[Bryan – May YC Meeting]** Set date and time for retreat. Proposed date:
 - Saturday, August 23, 2014, 9:00- tbd pm, Downtown Site
 - **[Ministry Team Volunteer(s) – August 1]** Determine menu for retreat (snacks/meal).
 - **[Donna/Angella/Kirsten – June/July/August]** Publicize retreat over summer.
- Quarterly Small Group Leader Meetings
 - **[Bryan – August 1]**
 - Determine topic(s) to be discussed at each monthly meeting
 - Determine time schedule for each meeting
 - Set specific date each month for meeting (last Wednesday of month?)
 - Determine meeting location.
- Monthly 7-12th Grade Outreach
 - Develop outreach opportunities.
 - **[Heidi/Kirsten – August 1]** Establish monthly schedule. Planned to have two outreach Sundays and 2 Sundays per month for other tenants focus
 - **[Heidi/Kirsten – August 1]** Address essential needs:
 - Publicity
 - Cost
 - Transportation
 - **[Youth Connections/Learning MT]** Volunteer help/assistance.

CONFIRMATION

- Faith Statement = Confirmation Curriculum: Re-evaluate faith statement and curriculum to better align with tenants and one another
- Develop a Confirmation Covenant between Parents/Students/Leaders that outlines expectations, requirements and guidelines

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- See *“Total Youth Programming – Monthly Sunday Outreach”*
- Outreach Bins
 - Brainstorm additional ideas for outreach items.
 - [Donna/Angella – Sept 1] Gather necessary supplies
 - **[Learning Ministry Team]** Determine budgetary needs/limitations
 - [Donna/Angella – Sept 1] Address necessary publicity
 - [Donna/Angella – Sept 1] Establish schedule/plan/point person for completed projects

HIGH SCHOOL

- See *“Total Youth Programming – Monthly Sunday Outreach”*
- Infuse Learning/Study tenant into Wednesday reFUEL