

# FELC Ministry Team Minutes

**Ministry Team:** Youth Connections

**Meeting Date:** December 10, 2015, 5:30PM Downtown Site

**Attendees:** Tom Kent, Pastor Bryan, Heidi Schreiner, Jeff Wageman, Chris Kennedy, Valerie Kent, Kirsten Owens

**Excused:** Barb Schmidt, Lance Schmidt, Jen Wageman

**Our primary goal: Equip young people to grow towards mature Christian adulthood**

Items 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 in minutes plus complete the form in the team folder)

- None

Ministry team agenda/minutes:

- 1) Opening Devotion (Tom)
- 2) 2015 Budget Progress - On track for the year through Nov. with net spending at \$7200 vs. the full year budget of \$8100.
- 3) Confirmation Update – Kirsten
  1. We are coming to the close of the first semester. Students and families seem mindful of trying to stay on course with their Confirmation responsibilities since I have received more inquiries about sermon notes and family assignments. Kirsten will be sending progress emails to families around mid-January.
  2. We have revised and sent updated calendars for second semester. The biggest change was the inclusion of the Unity worship on February 3. We have not participated in this event for a few years but have tried to give it another shot to determine whether it fits our program currently and to increase our relationships with other churches. Transportation to and from the event is by family.
  3. We have sent out a Survey Monkey to 9th grade parents on December 1 requesting completion by December 14. The survey asks questions about their experience with the program, if they or their student have questions about the purpose of Confirmation, and what additional resources they would like to have for faith formation after Affirmation-of-Baptism.
  4. We are seeing that parents like the inclusion of family components including family assignments, FaithTalk cards, and the Faith-on-Trial series. So far, the most popular post-Confirmation resource requested is a source for current events with a faith component. We have a subscription to a weekly service, The Wired Word, that provides this type of material. We will be using all of the responses to tailor the parent only portion of the 9th grade second semester meeting.
  5. Pastor Bryan and Kristen were discussing the possibility of participating in the Recharge event for youth leaders in Green Bay in February. The early bird cost was \$35 per person but we have a special booking code that may reduce the cost further. We are considering offering it to small group leaders also.
  6. Christmas parties are happening next week. This is the first year the parties are being run completely by parents. The teams are coming up with some really creative, unique ideas. Plus, there is community developing between parents (they are meeting for coffee or drinks to make plans). So, it seems to be a great one-and-done way for parents to participate.
- 4) Youth & Summer Ministry Update – Heidi
  1. ReFuel structural changes – Wednesday ReFuel going very well. Sunday attendance is still low and requires some adjustment. Plan to poll the kids as to which if the various new ideas generated will resonate best. Challenge is often with the location and required travel of the youth. Current thinking is to spread the locations around to enable everyone the opportunity to participate.
  2. Upcoming Mission trip – 31 kids signed up. 4 parents have expressed interest in being chaperones. Considering raising the price of honey for the fundraising work given such strong initial response. Next fundraiser is the annual meal.
  3. Interfaith Alliance meeting that was planned for the 20<sup>th</sup> of Dec has been postponed due to leader and participant availability.
  4. Completed some high school programming benchmarking with Prince of Peace, Our Savior, and Alliance and plan to continue to stay connected to them in the future.
- 5) End of Year Report reviewed and approved by the group. Nice job Kirsten, Heidi, and PB in assembling that!
- 6) Next Meeting – Thursday January 14, 7:00 DS.
- 7) Close @ 6:10

Submitted by: Tom Kent