

FELC Ministry Team Minutes

Ministry Team: Learning

Meeting Date: February 10, 2015

Attendees: Donna Haberland, Angella Hoffman, Deanna Sanders, Becky Stellmacher

Excused: Zay Lenaburg, Brenda Castillo, Gerry Edinger

Items that may require council action: none

Items that may require budget/finance coordination TO BE PRESENT TO SUPPORT MINISTRY TEAM before being presented to the Council: none

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

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Items of discussion:

1) Existing Task Forces

None

2) New Task Forces Envisioned

None

3) Items for Discussion

a) Plan "Bring Your Friend to Sunday School" for the month of April.

- Donna talked to the 1st – 3rd graders, and they LOVED the idea.
- Working on ideas to encourage them to bring their friends.
- Give a "goody bag / envelope" with the FELC brochure listing site & programs info, welcome letter, coloring sheet, treat and fun pencil and/or bracelet.

b) Invite new members to LMT.

- Consider inviting new members each month.

c) Goals for each grade level – Look at *Together in Faith* (curriculum we have started using) – Defer topic to March meeting.

- Part of the "ideal" Sunday School discussion in (e) below.

- d) Plain Family Activities to send home starting in Fall – Defer topic to March meeting.
- e) Discussed what the “ideal” Sunday School Program would look like.
- Ties into Goals (c) above
 - Donna to discuss options with Pastors.
 - Ideas generated to target the needs and wants of families today. People want options and convenience. Perhaps we should consider options for Sunday School:
 - Home Sunday School – Parents would take the lead based on curriculum provided to do on their own time. Meetings would be set up with LMT members/staff/volunteers to ensure understanding and guidance.
 - ❖ Church would provide service and fellowship activities.
 - ❖ Use online resources for materials and storage, like WikiSpace and Dropbox.
 - 3-Week Sunday School Bootcamp – Essentially putting 36 hours spread out over the school year into a few hours each day for 3-weeks. Potentially led by Summer Interns and volunteers.
 - Move Sunday School day to Wednesday at one site.
 - Have different Sunday School program at each site. Traditional vs Alternative.
 - Giving options may help to understand and address attendance, teacher/volunteer needs, material needs and the rising costs.
- f) Review Curriculums – Defer topic to March meeting.
- Article from *The Lutheran Magazine* – FAITH5 Samples.
 - Possibly create a task force?

Term Ends: Zay Lenaburg (Sept. 2016), Deanna Sanders (Sept. 2016), Becky Stellmacher (Jan. 2017), Brenda Castillo (Mar. 2017)

Council Representative: Gerry Edinger

