

FELC Ministry Team Minutes

Ministry Team: Youth Connections

Meeting Date: June 9, 2015, 6:30PM Downtown Site

Attendees: Tom Kent, Valerie Kent, Kirsten Owens, Pastor Bryan, Chris Kennedy

Excused: Barb Schmidt, Lance Schmidt, Heidi Schreiner, Jeff Wageman, 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 Prayer
- 2) 2015 Budget Progress
 1. Although budget shows our net expenditure at almost the total budget for the year, we foresee more income than expense for the rest of the year. Need further detail from Cindi to confirm.
 2. We voted to increase the confirmation cost to \$100/child vs. the current \$90 to cover increasing curriculum expenses and the fact that we are covering half of confirmation camp. Note the fees have been \$90 for several years. We will continue to offer split payments for those families that need it.
- 3) Confirmation Update – Kirsten
 1. Developing calendar for confirmation and related framework for next year
 2. Planning to do small groups based on North site or Downtown site affiliation to enable potential programming split in the future. No plans to split by site yet, but this will facilitate that change in the future without too much disruption to existing groups if we choose to do it.
 3. 9th grade curriculum – plan to ask the interns for willingness to support sharing their thoughts on “hot topics” in a video that would be used in small groups
 4. During Faith on Trial series we would look to involve the families of the youth.
 5. Confirmation camp in progress and off to a great start with 22 students. Having some of the interns attend the camp with the kids is a positive addition!
- 4) Old Business
 1. Prayer partner ministry: Pastor Bryan connected with Kathy DesRochers regarding the prayer partner ministry. Kathy provided several points of feedback and opportunities to consider for next year.
 1. Discussion regarding the current anonymity of the program. Should we make it more transparent? Or offer to the prayer partners the option of being transparent or anonymous.
 2. Kathy needs help running the program. She will stay involved but needs more of a team (4-6 people) to execute. We have not yet identified these people but Youth Connections needs to help. Kirsten will add this need to announcements and the newsletter to see if we get interest. We will also add to the “Count Me In” sheet. Finally, we will all brainstorm names of potential people to reach out to and exchange the list in July via email.
 2. Council Feedback:
 1. North Site Youth Room – need to come up with a low cost reconfiguration of current space. Angela Hoffman is helping determine the best way to do this without knocking down walls. Interns can help furnish it and maybe paint if allowed.
 2. Full Time Youth Coordinator – need to develop plan for role and related funding. 2015 budget will not allow this expense this year. \$18-\$20k per year is ballpark cost increase. Council and Leadership are in favor of expanding the role with an eye toward including in next year’s budget (pending stewardship campaign results of course). Job description needed to articulate for council what positive changes we envision through this role, including the number of kids that would be touched with this. We will develop this to share with Council in a future meeting.
- 5) New Business - None
- 6) Meeting timing
 1. No meeting in July
 2. Next meeting August 11, **North Site** at 6:30.
- 7) Close @ 8:15PM

Submitted by: Tom Kent