

FELC Ministry Team Minutes

Ministry Team: Youth Connections

Meeting Date: March 10, 2015, 7:00PM Downtown Site

Attendees: Tom Kent, Jeff Wageman, Kirsten Owens, Pastor Bryan, Lance Schmidt, Barb Schmidt, Jen Wageman, Chris Kennedy

Excused: Heidi Schreiner, Valerie Kent

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
- 3) Youth Activity update/summary – Heidi
 1. Senior Brunch – Heidi planning for May 17 event at DS after final worship, and needs help setting up. Jen, Barb, and Lance volunteered to help with food.
 2. Mother's Day rose sale – Lance and Tom will work the NS on the 10th.
 3. Planning for the National Youth Gathering and related fundraising progressing well. Currently collected \$3500 in funds against a target of \$5000. Still need an over-25 male chaperone willing to drive.
 4. Kwik Trip fundraiser progress – Heidi will need help manning the sale tables depending on how many youth sign up to sell in between services. Team discussed an option to ask worship assistants to sell the cards in between services. Having consistent availability people could trust they are available every Sunday. Bryan will take this idea to Staff.
- 4) Confirmation Update – Kirsten
 1. Completing this confirmation year. Faith interviews will be done by mid-March.
 2. Confirmation Social – NS. Expecting up to 200 people. **Need volunteer help for this event on April 15.** Actual event is only about 45 minutes.
 3. Confirmation camp – had 20 students register (anticipating a total class size of 30), which matches our budgeted number. This rate of registration at 2/3 of the total class is greater than past years' rates of 1/2.
 4. Responsibility completion is way up! The midyear report process is working well.
 5. We will have to adjust our programming to the time pressures of having worship now on Wed nights 6:15-6:55, reduces class by 25 minutes each night. Possibly alter large-small-large-small groups each night.
 6. Middle school youth group activities will be generally held offsite from now on to increase attendance. It will be made clear to all students that any offsite costs should not be a reason to not attend (we will find a way to fund their attendance).
 7. We need help fulfilling the Prayer Partner mission. Kathy has done a fantastic job with this for years, and it is time for others to make this easier to administrate. The Youth Connections team can help! Kirsten will address with Kathy.
- 5) How might our ministry team benefit from an Intern's involvement this summer?
 1. Toward the end of their term, we could use them for logistics for the next confirmation year (folders, materials, etc.). Estimate 8-10 hours total.
 2. Potential to have them create topic-specific videos (as witnesses) for small group "hot topics". This is dependent on that being part of our programming next year.
- 6) Meeting timing – Next meeting April 14 **NS** at 6:30 so that we can help set up for the Confirmation Social.
- 7) Close @ 8:30

Submitted by: Tom Kent