

FELC Ministry Team Minutes

Ministry Team: Youth Connections

Meeting Date: May 12, 2015, 6:30PM Downtown Site

Attendees: Tom Kent, Valerie Kent, Kirsten Owens, Pastor Bryan, Lance Schmidt, Chris Kennedy, Heidi Schreiner

Excused: Jeff Wageman, Jen Wageman, Barb Schmidt

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

Items that may require council action:

- 1) Full time Youth Coordinator – To fully engage the post-confirmation youth at BOTH sites, we need a role that has the time to connect, develop, and implement programming for both groups.
- 2) North Site Youth Room – Consistent with the desire to increase involvement and engagement with youth at the North Site, we need a dedicated, NS teen-oriented space (not unlike the youth room downtown).

Items that may require budget/finance coordination TO BE PRESENTED TO SUPPORT MINISTRY TEAM.

- See above – both points will require budget coordination

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. Ahead of plan at net spending of \$600 YTD vs. annual budget of \$8100.
- 3) Confirmation Update – Kirsten
 1. Confirmation recap:
 1. A very good year!
 2. Some tweaking needs to be done to the physical flow of the Confirmation Social
 1. Next year will be at Downtown Site
 2. The year following will have to be at North Site
 3. Prayer-sending was a nice inclusion
 4. Social event pricing was very reasonable (\$398.10)
 2. Confirmation camp:
 1. Two extra kids have joined the group for a total of 22
 2. Bibles and catechisms will be given at the blessing on May 31
 1. An early budget expenditure usually shown in fall (\$570.68 in Bibles, \$28.21 in catechisms)
 3. June 7 is less than a month away!
 3. Summer Planning:
 1. Midweek worship is requiring that Wednesday night programs are restructured some
 1. Wednesday nights will toggle – Large group/small group
 2. Very early curriculum exploration
 1. 7th grade – Old Testament & Luther
 2. 8th grade – Life of Jesus & New Testament
 3. 9th grade – Select Hot Topics & Faith on Trial
 2. Tentative start date: September 9 orientation grade 8 & 9
 1. 7th grade kick-off and family huddles September 11 & 12
 4. Pastor Bryan to connect with Kathy regarding the prayer partner ministry. Potentially invite her to the next meeting to discuss how Youth Connections can help with that ministry.
- 4) Youth Activity update/summary – Heidi
 1. There was a decline in Wednesday night attendance after Lent
 1. Not many kids attending Wednesday night worship
 2. Don't know if it's just a busy time with AP Testing/Finals/Theatre/Sports
 2. Sunday numbers remain steady
 1. Bible games have been a huge hit with the youth on Sunday
 3. Need ideas for topics and structure for reFuel
 1. Leverage the small group leaders that leave confirmation to continue to work with the kids to maintain that already strong relationship?
 2. Have students facilitate their own group?
 3. Should Heidi manage both sites on alternating Sundays?
 4. Having a space at the North Site for these youth is critical. Need to discuss space options with Donna.
 4. Senior Sunday is ready to go with seniors assigned to speak at each service this weekend.

1. Students will be recognized and will receive a prayer shawl
2. Brunch happening downtown at 11:30 a.m.
3. Sherrill Moard helping with set-up and food
4. Waiting to hear back from Golz's about the scholarship recipient
5. NYG Fundraising continues to go very well
 1. Made \$760 on the Mother's Day rose sale!
 2. Next bonding activity being planned by Pastor Bryan and Nicole Schmidt—scavenger hunt
 3. Would like to get Kwik Trip card sales on a Sunday rotation where it's just once a month (similar to what they do with the Lutheran World Relief Coffee)
6. Intern Programming
 1. Heidi spoke with Sunday School classrooms K-8 to generate interest in the summer programs.
 2. Retreat is confirmed and will be at Maves cottage again
 3. Grill and Greet will be June 3
 1. We could use help with set-up and with grilling
- 5) New Business
 1. Full time Youth Coordinator – discussion about the potential of this role and need to grow engagement at the NS. The group feels it is time to raise this opportunity to Council for awareness.
 2. North Site Youth Room – same as above.
 3. Feedback on the next Stewardship campaign – we will provide the two needs above to the Stewardship committee as they look to generate understanding and support of various ministry team needs.
- 6) Meeting timing – Next meeting June 9, downtown at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall, then move to the Youth Room at 7.
- 7) Close @ 8:30

Submitted by: Tom Kent