

FELC Ministry Team Minutes

Ministry Team: Youth Connections

Meeting Date: November 12, 2015, 7:00PM Downtown Site

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

Excused: Barb Schmidt, Lance Schmidt

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.

- 2016 budget proposal already submitted

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 (All)
 1. 2015 Status update – Trending good for the year. Additional income since last month has more than offset any additional expenditures reducing our net spending to \$5000 vs. the budget of \$8000.
 2. Draft Budget – Budget sent to Support and Council with one adjustment requested relative to estimated spending for the summer mission trip.
- 3) Confirmation Update – Kirsten
 1. Large group/Small group alternating schedule seems to be working well. December will be a bit different with Service Night on the 2nd of December, Advent Vespers on the 9th of Dec., and class Christmas parties.
 2. Class Christmas parties will be by grade. We have allocated \$50 to each class to cover costs beyond donations.
 3. Great service from Jen Schaefer and Andy Smith's group including fall clean-up at the NS, ringing the bells, serving at Homeless Connections, and doing a class rummage sale in the Spring.
 4. Faith on Trial used for three weeks. This format is working well for some but may be a bit too academic for others.
 5. Discussed different options for the 9th grade end-of-year event including a full meal, desert only, or appetizers like last year. This group is smaller and will fit well in the DS, but we prefer to choose a format that is scalable to a larger group in the future and one that will work well at the NS activity center.
- 4) Youth & Summer Ministry Update – Heidi
 1. Lots of discussion on how to better relate to Millennials. Making the activities as much about relationships as possible is important. "Teach me, help me, involve me" resonates well.
 2. ReFuel attendance has been disappointing on Sundays (2-3), but much stronger on Wednesdays (13-15). Not sure if meeting Sunday mornings aligns with Millennial desires. Considering adjusting to something like, meet Sunday for lunch at Copper Rock instead (as an example). When speakers have shared their testimony at Wednesday reFuel, the response from the youth has been very positive.
 3. Mission trip planned for Chicago via Youth Works from June 26 – July 1. Sign-ups are going very well @ 29 kids thus far! Expecting to need 3 men and 3 women chaperones. Planning to first open up the chaperone opportunities to parents who haven't attended previously.
 4. First Interfaith Alliance event took place at the North Site with a campfire. The event was a huge success! We will be hosting again at the North Site On Dec 20th with a focus on different holiday traditions.
- 5) Old Business
 1. Youth Musical final plan
- 6) Next Meeting – Thursday December 10, 5:30 DS.
- 7) Close @ 8:40

Submitted by: Tom Kent