

# FELC Ministry Team Minutes

**Ministry Team:** Youth Connections

**Meeting Date:** October 15, 2015, 7:00PM Downtown Site

**Attendees:** Tom Kent, Pastor Bryan, Heidi Schreiner, Jeff Wageman, Barb Schmidt, Lance Schmidt, Chris Kennedy, Jen Wageman

**Excused:** Valerie Kent, Kirsten Owens

## **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 attached

### 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. Status update – Budget situation improved since last month with more income in September than expenses. All indications are that we will end the year on track.
  2. Draft Budget – We reviewed the draft but assembled by Kirsten, Heidi, and Tom. Heidi suggested two additions – adding back the funding for the youth mission trip and planning for a Seraphim trip in 2016. Both were added, and the new draft budget will be submitted to Support.
- 3) Confirmation Update – Kirsten (via email)
  1. We had 26 kids and seven adults attend the confirmation start-up Lock-in. By all accounts this was a huge success with the proper balance of work, play, and fellowship.
  2. We continue to believe strongly in the value of early attendance at confirmation camp as a way to start the fellowship process. Crossways is not offering the camp during the same week as this last year (which is unfortunate as that week worked well for us), so we will see if that affects attendance.
  3. We need to have a way to create consistent buzz about BYG to create a stronger understanding about its importance for long range faith development. We have to find a way to fold it into the culture of religious education at FELC.
  4. We are blessed to have leaders in the program that are truly passionate about their faith and these kids!
  5. We received a lot of positive feedback about the FaithTalk cards and journals we are using this year. One small group leader said she was so excited because when using the FaithTalk cards at the lock-in they were actually talking about really important stuff and she just loved that!
  6. The format of alternating large and small group by week took some adjustment. We found that large group leaders were trying to cram too much into an hour and some small groups were trying to find ways to expand into an hour but both seem to be finding the sweet spot.
- 4) Youth & Summer Ministry Update – Heidi
  1. ReFuel – Wednesday night numbers are solid, but Sunday numbers have been very weak. Some former Sunday regulars are now Sunday School teachers (which is great!). Lou Chicquette will be the special guest speaker in October.
  2. Octoberfest parking fundraiser was a huge success having raised \$1520.
  3. Kwik trip cards being sold through the office. Tom will follow-up with Brenda on where that related revenue and expense is showing in our financials.
  4. Reviewing different mission trip options. Youth Works has been used in prior years with good success. Nonetheless, other options are also being considered. More research is needed before choosing, in particular regarding cost, programming, and service event specifics.
  5. FELC will host the first meeting Interfaith Alliance at the North Site. The theme will be "Fall Festival" including food, trivia, and a bonfire.
- 5) Old Business
  1. North Site Youth Room status – Already being used and almost fully decorated
  2. Potential for youth musical next summer. We reviewed the proposal developed by Sarah Bauer. It was clear there was a lot of good thought and planning put into the proposal. The team expressed concern over the additional support staff needed for this (beyond Sara's leadership). Youth Connections recommendation is to do something smaller scale, not unlike the recent play performed on Good Friday (where Erik Bakken was the lead). This could be performed during one of the Wednesday night worship services or separately as the team sees fit.
  3. Full Time Youth Coordinator – Thank you to the Council for their support of this role expansion!
- 6) Next Meeting – Thursday November 12, 7:00 DS.
- 7) Close @ 8:35P

Submitted by: Tom Kent

## Youth Connections 2016 budget spreadsheet

Revenues	2015 budget	2015 YTD (Sep)	2016 budget	2016 Comments
442 - Mission Trip funds	-	-	-	
443 - Youth gifts	-	-	-	
440 - Youth Fees	1,200	30	-	
440.01 - Middle School	-	-	-	
440.02 - High School	-	-	-	
440.03 - Confirmation	17,000	9,185	8,500	Confirmation revenue (85 * 100)
440.04 - BYG	-	562	375	15 campers @ \$25 each
440.05 - Seraphim Choir	-		-	
440.07 - Confirmation Camp - Deposits	-	4,330	4,000	20 students @ \$200 each
<b>sub total</b>	<b>18,200</b>	<b>14,107</b>	<b>12,875</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>				
600.00 - Middle School	1,000	129	400	
601.00 - High School	1,000	221	400	
602.00 - Family	500	30	300	
603.00 - Resource Materials	-	-	-	
604.00 - Y&F Act	1,800	100	300	
605.00 - Worship/Learning Activities	-	-	-	
606.00 - Confirmation	15,000	8,178	8,000	
606.01 - BYG	-	984	1,680	\$100 per camper total expense, 15 campers, +\$180 for 4 chaperones
608.00 - Seraphim Youth Choir	1,000	144	1,000	Didn't have a Seraphim trip in 2015, but plan to in 2016
618.00 - Annual Youth Gatherings/Activities	-		2,500	Adding back a budget for this for those that cannot afford to pay
623.00 - Camp/Other Sholarships	6,000	9,230	8,200	20 students @ \$400 ea + \$200 for pastors
<b>sub total</b>	<b>26,300</b>	<b>19,016</b>	<b>22,780</b>	
<b>Net balance</b>	<b>(8,100)</b>	<b>(4,909)</b>	<b>(9,905)</b>	