

FELC Ministry Team Minutes

Ministry Team: Youth Connections

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

Attendees: Tom Kent, Kirsten Owens, Pastor Bryan, Heidi Schreiner, Jeff Wageman, Barb Schmidt, Lance Schmidt,

Excused: Valerie Kent, Chris Kennedy, 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 Devotion (Tom)
- 2) 2015 Budget Progress (All)
 1. Status update – budget net shows we have spent full budget, but in reality, we have not received all expected income from fees yet this year, compared to last year, we are ahead.
 2. Council feedback on budget – We need to present a draft budget for 2016 to Council for the October 27 meeting.
 3. We need a meeting to review the detail of the current expenditures with Brenda. Tom will set this up with Heidi and Kirsten. Purpose of the meeting will be to reconcile current year and set up our budget for next year.
- 3) Confirmation Update – Kirsten
 1. 7th grade family and pastor meetings taking place mid-Sep to start the confirmation program. We received several last minute sign-ups requiring an additional small group leader. Kirsten is having difficulty filling that role. If left unfilled, each existing small group will need to take an additional 2 youth.
 2. Faith Talk cards are receiving good reviews from small group leaders as effective ways to spark conversations.
 3. Christmas parties will be held by grade this year.
 4. Due to lacking a downtown site coordinator, we were unable to split the 7th grade small groups cleanly by site this year.
 5. Hot Topic videos by the interns were well executed. Topics include Media and Materialism, Sex, Suicide, and Drugs & Alcohol. The video related to sex will be sent to parents before being shown to give them a chance to opt out.
 6. 9th graders working on Faith on Trial and enjoying this series.
- 4) Youth & Summer Ministry Update – Heidi
 1. Sunday morning ReFuel teams created to help operate at both sites each week.
 2. Interfaith group taking shape. FELC will be providing 3 youth to participate along with Heidi. In addition to improving perspectives on each other's faiths, a service component will likely be part of this as well.
 3. Octoberfest parking will be managed as before, adding a crew for Friday night's License to Cruise event as well.
- 5) Old Business
 1. North Site Youth Room status
 1. Furnishing is in process. Painting will be done on canvases so that we can easily turn the room back to a standard classroom when needed. We will move one of the couches from the downtown site youth room to the north site.
 2. Scrip cards – We will need to staff the tables in between church services to sell the cards, coordinating the sale timing with the Lutheran World Relief coffee sales. We are pursuing a Square credit card reader to use to increase sales. Also investigating being able to order cards through the FELC.com site and arrange pick-up later.
- 6) New Business
 1. Potential for youth musical next summer – need to understand proposal for this including costs, resources, etc.
 2. Full Time Youth Coordinator – What do we envision for this role that is different than today? Tom, PB, and Heidi to coordinate on this draft for the next meeting. Want to have it ready for the October Council Meeting so that it can be considered within next year's budget.
- 7) Next Meeting – Oct 15, 7:00 DS. Key topics will be 1) 2016 budget, 2) Full time Youth Coordinator position expansion, and 3) Youth Musical opportunity for next summer.
- 8) Close @ 8:45

Submitted by: Tom Kent