

FELC Ministry Team Minutes

Ministry Team: Youth Connections

Meeting Date: Aug 2, 2016, 6:00PM North Site

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

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.

- None

New Task Force (include in minutes plus complete the form in the team folder)

- None

Ministry team agenda/minutes:

- 1) Opening Devotion
- 2) Confirmation Updates
 1. We are trying a refuel preview for High School EP Party Night on January 25 from 7-8:30 in replacement of the retreat.
 2. Prayer Partner Program: Finding and managing 1 on 1 prayer partners has become a challenge. We are considering a prayer group that would pray for all confirmation students generally and would pray for individual prayer requests.
 1. The group would likely meet once per month on a confirmation evening.
 2. Kirsten will issue a request in the bulletin & newsletter for participants and a group leader.
 3. Some church members have expressed prior interest in this so she will reach out to them as well.
 4. All Youth Connections team members to get the word out to join this group!
 3. Beginning Youth Group @ Crossways
 1. Still see the need for creating group cohesion prior to confirmation, but need to reconsider the best way to accomplish this
 2. This will be revisited with the Learning Ministry team but is tabled for now
 4. End of Year Event
 1. A lot of good learnings from this past year that will be duplicated or adjusted for this next year
 2. Class size is larger (from 27 to 40) so considering guests, this will be a big group to accommodate!
 3. Considering ways to make the North Site gym a little more intimate. Suggest renting "pipe & drape" from an events rental service to create a false wall and close off part of the gym. Will also reduce noise.
 5. Expenses might be down a bit vs. prior years due to smaller numbers expected
 1. Faith Talk Cards have been a positive addition but their future availability is somewhat unknown. Still working on this.
 - 3) High School Ministry
 1. Mission Trips
 1. 2016 trip to Chicago was huge success. Looking now toward events that will maintain the momentum and connections made during the trip. Thanks to Pastor Bryan for hosting a post-event cook-out!
 2. Planning the next trip to a more rural setting, probably an Indian Reservation. Heidi is assembling options to share with the kids and see which one is of most interest.
 3. Considering an Interfaith mission trip for 2019. This will require building the trip plan on our own (versus using a service like Youth Works as we have in the past).
 2. National Youth Gathering in 2018 will be held in Houston. Kids are already excited about this!

3. reFUEL
 1. Planning a bonfire before end of summer with a speaker from the church who is willing to share their faith journey
 2. Encouraging high schoolers to teach Sunday school. This is positive for both them and our SS program.
 3. Future bible studies might include "Bad Girls of the Bible" for a girls group and "Tempting Stuff" dvd series.
4. Need volunteers to help the kids with car parking for Octoberfest. Usually this involves working just a couple hour shift.
- 4) Next Meeting September 5 week for a workshop at the North Site to dive into Summer Youth trip plans, related fundraisers, and Seraphim programming.
- 5) Close @ 7:30

Submitted by Tom Kent

Calendar Week	Meeting Type	Location	Topics/Purpose
4-Jan-16			
11-Jan-16			
18-Jan-16			
25-Jan-16			
1-Feb-16	Check-in "Plus"		Quick check on status, budget, any issues and a quick plus/delta on confirmation and youth programming
8-Feb-16			
15-Feb-16			
22-Feb-16			
29-Feb-16			
7-Mar-16	Workshop	North Site	Placeholder workshop – topics tbd
14-Mar-16			
21-Mar-16			
28-Mar-16	EASTER		
4-Apr-16			
11-Apr-16	Confirmation Dinner	North Site	April 13, 5:30
18-Apr-16			
25-Apr-16			
2-May-16			
9-May-16	Check-in	North Site May 12, 7PM	Quick check on status, budget, any issues
16-May-16			
23-May-16			
30-May-16			
6-Jun-16			
13-Jun-16	Workshop	North Site, June 16, 6PM	End of year reflection - reFuel, Seraphim End of year reflection - Affirmation of Baptism and needed adjustments to programming
20-Jun-16			
27-Jun-16			

4-Jul-16			
11-Jul-16			
18-Jul-16			
25-Jul-16	Check-in		Quick check on status, budget, any issues
1-Aug-16			
8-Aug-16			
15-Aug-16			
22-Aug-16			
29-Aug-16			
5-Sep-16	Workshop	North Site	Summer Youth Trip Plans and related Fundraisers Seraphim programming
12-Sep-16			
19-Sep-16			
26-Sep-16			
3-Oct-16			
10-Oct-16			
17-Oct-16	Check-in		Quick check on status, budget, any issues Set new year budget
24-Oct-16			
31-Oct-16			
7-Nov-16			
14-Nov-16			
21-Nov-16			
28-Nov-16			
5-Dec-16			
12-Dec-16			
19-Dec-16	CHRISTMAS		
26-Dec-16	CHRISTMAS		