

FELC Ministry Team Minutes

Ministry Team: Youth Connections

Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 6, 2017 • 6-7:30 p.m. • Osorio's

Attendees: Heidi Schreiner, Lance Schmidt and Barb Schmidt, Chris Kennedy, Jeff and Jen Wageman

Excused: Derek Jones

Items that may require budget/finance coordination:

Future discussion about expanding our Scrip program

Ministry Team Agenda:

1. Discussed Specific YC Objectives to tackle in 2017

- a. 9th grade transition into high school programming
 - i. Heidi brought notes from the brainstorming meeting that was had by 4 small group leaders, Heidi, Kirsten Owens, and Pastor Mary
 1. Discussed the challenges and barriers for making changes within the program
 2. Discussed the opportunities for incorporating experiences for Confirmation students to connect with high school students through out the year
 3. Voted on 3 main ideas to incorporate into the 2017-2018 year
- b. Service opportunity research—**Lance and Barb** will take the lead on this for future
- c. Future winter trip—the team will work with recruiting someone who's passionate in this area to fulfill this objective
 - i. Jen Wageman brought up ski resorts to look into: Brule and Sunburst
- d. Fundraiser objective—**Team Task**
 - i. Tentative plans: Late September (September 23, 12-4)
- e. Discussed Scrip Program
 - i. Lance brought numbers from other church's that have had success
 - ii. Plan is to start small—choose 4-5 Scrip businesses (Kwik Trip, Festival, Amazon, Woodman's...)
 - iii. Two ways of ordering as a consumer
 1. Online- Heidi could make a how-to video to put on our website for people to create their own accounts, pay for the cards online, and get them shipped to themselves
 2. At Church-Heidi would develop a simple sign up sheet that would be put in the bulletin once every quarter to purchase cards

- a. We would advertise this well enough so that everyone would bring their checkbooks/cash to pay for the cards they order.
- b. Card pick up would be in the office.
- c. **Lance and Heidi** will continue research on this

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 8, 6:30pm

Submitted by: Heidi Schreiner

Youth Connections Ministry Team

High School Update

Heidi Schreiner

5/14/17

1. **9th grade confirmation transition to high school programming meeting**
 - a. Took place May 10
 - b. 3 small group confirmation leaders were present, along with Pastor Mary, Kirsten Owens, and Heidi
 - c. Heidi attached minutes from that meeting at the end of this document
2. **reFUEL**
 - a. Had reFUEL youth write invitations on postcards for reFUEL
 - b. Wrote a letter and personal note and sent to everyone who got Confirmed this year, inviting them to high school programming
 - i. So far one recent confirmand came to reFUEL
 - c. Discussed 13 Reasons Why
 - d. Discussed mental illness
 - e. Finished the Blessing Box
 - f. Last reFUEL May 17 before interns take over
 - g. Numbers have been lower the past few weeks with AP testing/studying
3. **Pine Ridge Mission Trip**
 - a. Made final payment to YouthWorks
 - b. Last fundraiser Sunday, May 14, Mother's Day Rose Sale
 1. Profit was significantly higher at the DS
 - a. NS raised \$280
 - b. DS raised \$515
 - c. ~50 roses leftover
 - d. Profited \$577
 - c. Mitch Lund (FELC Senior going on the trip) is screen printing out shirts for Mission Trip
 - d. Had chaperone meeting to discuss trip itinerary and general information

- e. Future bonding activities will be taking place in summer
 - i. Scavenger hunt
 - ii. Bonfire/volleyball

4. Senior Sunday

1. 13/25 students got me their post-high school plans for posters
2. only 4 were able to make it to the lunch
 - a. We went to 7 Angels and had a great chat about what faith looks like after high school and the different opportunities and challenges it brings
3. Carolyn Klemp and Noah Lichosik were awarded the Al and Mary Golz scholarship at different services
4. Erik Bakken was awarded the Gail E. Evans scholarship at a service and also spoke at 2 services downtown

5. FCA

- a. Wrapped up a really great year!

6. Bad Girls of the Bible- High School Girl's study

- a. We took a little dip in participation with the amount of AP testing that was happening, but overall I think this was a great year doing this. There's some retooling that could happen to help generate meaningful discussions, but overall, a great first year.

7. Ministry team fairs

- a. Positive discussions regarding the Scrip program and also some interest from congregation members regarding the future cook out

9th Grade to High School Programming Brainstorming Session

May 10

5:30-6:30 DS Lounge

Does the idea:

1. Follow our mission

- a. What is Confirmation's mission?
- b. What is reFUEL's mission?
 - i. Connecting kids with each other, with Christian mentors (through Heidi and special speakers), and with Christ while facilitating opportunities to engage in study, outreach, fellowship, and prayer.

2. Have sustainability

- a. Will this idea work for a long time?
- b. How much added work will this take each year?

3. Realistically attainable/desirable

- a. Do we have the manpower to achieve this idea?
- b. What's the likelihood that the Confirmation youth would be on board?
- c. What's the likelihood that the reFUEL youth would be on board?

Concerns/barriers:

1. Sheer numbers (average reFUEL #=12, average Confirmation size=40)
2. Keeping reFUEL reFUEL
 - a. Having each small group join reFUEL on a given week takes away 4-6 weeks of reFUEL
 - b. Not putting too much responsibility on the kids that attend reFUEL
 - c. If 9th graders are forced to attend reFUEL, it takes away from the rest of the group who wants to be there

Heidi's ideas:

1. Continue to invite 8th graders in for 1 reFUEL through out the year
2. Have some sort of kicking-off fall/back to school activity for all high school students
3. Combine reFUEL with 9th graders for Salvation Army bell ringing and for Christmas Party
 - a. 2-3 reFUELers per small group to get to know those kids a bit better so that by the time everybody gets together for the Christmas party
4. Have 2-3 reFUEL students join 9th grade small groups for one of the hot topics small group sessions...possibly have reFUEL lead one of the hot topic discussions?
5. Planning a ski-trip in January or February for all high schoolers (this is already an event that's being headed by Youth Connections Team)
6. Having 10-12 graders assist with Affirmation of Baptism or banquet in some way
7. Having 10-12 graders plan the Confirmation retreat and be a part of the activities for it

Additional notes from 5/10/17 meeting

--Specifically having reFUEL kids attend Social Media hot topics discussion

--Making videos for annual youth trip (NYG or mission trip) for congregation to see so they understand what it is and what they're supporting

--Service ideas:

-breaking into groups and visiting assisted living homes

--Fundraising ideas:

-on Wednesday nights, raising money for NYG or mission trip, kids who choose not to attend the trip still work towards raising money or making goods for a specific organization

-Badger sports park

-Intergenerational sponsorship

-Scrip