

FELC Ministry Team Minutes

Ministry Team: Youth Connections

Meeting Date: Tuesday, Mar. 21, 2017 • 6:30-8 p.m. • Osorio's

Attendees: Heidi Schreiner, Derek Jones, Lance Schmidt

Excused: Jeff and Jen Wageman, Barb Schmidt, Chris Kennedy

Items that may require budget/finance coordination:

Ministry Team Agenda:

- A. Opened with prayer**
- B. Addressed questions from Heidi's Youth Recap (pre-reading material—Page 2 and 3)**
 - a. We will discuss results from youth survey next meeting
- C. Finalized Kathy's YC Broad Objectives (Page 4)**
- D. Discussed Specific YC Objectives to tackle in 2017 (Page 5 and 6)**
 - a. Next meeting we will ask team members to choose one of the 4 areas that they feel called and passionate to begin working on
- E. Discussed future Ministry Team Fair involvement**
 - a. Discussed what should go on the tri-fold—Heidi will make tri-fold
 - i. Mission trip and NYG info
 - ii. Financials/need for fundraising
 - iii. Pictures
 - iv. 4 main objectives for 2017
 - b. Decided that it's important for us to get youth involved, possibly wearing t-shirts from past summer trips
- F. Brainstormed ways to be more intentional with building that bridge between 9th grade confirmands and high school programming**

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Apr. 18 6:30 p.m. at TBD

Submitted by: Heidi Schreiner

High School Update

3-9-17

1. reFUEL

- a. Had Hannah Sprenger come in and give a faith talk
- b. Administer congregational survey at reFUEL
- c. Administered reFUEL survey
 - i. **Still want some more participation in this before I combine all of the info**
 - ii. **Will bring results to next meeting**
- d. Discussed lack of participation in Unity worship
 - i. Kids feel they're too old for it
 - ii. We won't plan on having high schoolers attend next year
- e. Doing lessons focused around Lent

2. FCA

- a. Going well, have same amount of kids attending each week

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

- a. Consistent numbers
- b. Some weeks I plan a lesson and other weeks we discuss what's going on in everyone's life—I think this mix is really healthy because it keeps Christ as our foundation, but also is a safe space for them to develop deeper relationships by learning more about each other
- c. **Wondering if there's interest for starting a boy's high school study group?**
 - i. **I plan on connecting with the reFUEL boys to make sure there's a demand for it**

4. Seraphim

- a. Is finished for the year
- b. We had a final party at the end of February and honored the seniors

5. Pine Ridge Mission Trip

- a. Discussed options of vehicles with chaperones, there was a consensus to keep it to three 12 passenger vans due to there only being 4 drivers total that are attending
- b. Have at least one church who is willing and able to house us on our way to or from
- c. Pastor Mary, Lance Schmidt, Matt Hechel, Heidi Schreiner, and TWO summer interns will be joining as chaperones
 - i. 6 chaperones for 30 kids. Youthworks policy is for every 7 HS youth you need 1 adult chaperone so we're good here
 1. UPATE: One student is forgoing the mission trip to attend Wisconsin camp
- d. Annual Meeting fundraiser went really smooth. Had perfect amount of people helping. Still haven't received final numbers on how much money was raised (probably only \$200 or so)

- e. Next fundraisers are:
 - i. Lent meal dinner on March 15
 - 1. Sent out sign-up genius for participation (ALL SHIFTS are FILLED!)
- f. Palm Sunday Breakfast Apr. 9
- g. Next bonding event will be a bonfire at the NS on March 9
- h. Sent in 40% of YouthWorks check request which is due Feb. 15

6. Future plans:

- a. Starting to plan senior Sunday
 - i. Contact graduating seniors about scholarships offered at FELC
 - ii. Senior speakers
 - iii. Lunch reception for students and Heidi
 - iv. It's only a class of 25 students
- b. Create a spreadsheet that breaks down costs of Mission trips and NYG trips to discuss how important it is for us to have successful fundraisers**

MISSION:

Love Jesus. Live Your Call.

CORE VALUES:

- A welcoming place
- Caring
- Full of energy and life
- A Lutheran expression of Christianity
- We are called to lead
- An emphasis on youth
- Worship excellence
- Preaching and sharing the Gospel
- Multigenerational programming
- Faith in action (benevolence/outreach)

STRATEGIC BOUNDARIES:

- The beliefs and doctrines of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- Our congregation's core values
- The Constitution and Bylaws of First English Lutheran Church
- Alignment with the pastors' passions A sense of urgency

BROAD OBJECTIVES for Youth Connections Ministry Team

- The Youth Connections Ministry Team provides opportunities to nurture the growth of high school age young adults in their relationship with Christ.
- The Youth Connection Ministry Team works to ensure that activities are barrier free and varied, and encompass all areas of faith formation including education, service, fellowship, and worship.

OBJECTIVES for Youth Connections Ministry Team

- Plan and conduct a single large fundraising event to assist with funding mission trips and youth gatherings such that these experiences are accessible to all high school youth
- Set up 4 volunteer local service activities for high school youth with their involvement
- Plan a winter ski trip for high school youth
- Be intentional about bridging the transition from 9th grade Confirmation to high school programming

TASK FORCES NEEDED: Fundraising Task Force

Youth Connections: Things to tackle for 2017:

1. **Plan and conduct a single large fundraising event to assist with funding mission trips and youth gatherings such that these experiences are accessible to all youth.**

Goal for money raised: \$5,000

- A. **Event Option 1:** Dinner off-site with presentation that would include videos, student speakers, and Heidi—similar to what Young Life does

Location: TBD

How to make money: Ticket sales, donations at the event, “selling stock”, we would need to brainstorm ideas here.

Where we would need our work force:

1. Advertising—posters, newsletter articles, bulletins, temple talks, phone calls, congregation wide letter?
2. Brainstorming and taking initiative on creative ways to make money at the event
3. Setting up meetings with venue
4. Selling tickets
5. Video making
6. Making a physical program for the event

Things to decide:

1. Venue
2. What type of food?
3. Do we want live music?
4. Additional ideas for the event where we can make money
 - a. Idea of “selling stock” of our trip. If people buy stock they will receive a thank you letter from a youth that describes what they did on their trip.
 - b. Something similar to sponsorships but not calling it that to prevent competing with Intern Enrichment Team

Environment feel: This would be more of a formal event that wouldn't be good for younger youth to attend.

- B. **Event Option 2:** Holy Smokes Cook-off in Church Parking lot

Location: Church Parking Lot

Food: Congregation members willing to grill out for friendly competition

How to make money: Ticket sales, donations at the event, and possibly a few raffle baskets at the event to local meat markets to keep with the theme? We would need to brainstorm more ideas here.

Where we would need our work force:

1. Advertising: posters, newsletter articles, bulletins, temple talks, phone calls, door drop? Congregational wide letter?
2. Brainstorming and taking initiative on creative ways to make money at the event
3. Setting up booths
4. Organizing the layout of grills/booths and extra activities
5. Selling tickets
6. Making a physical program for the event

7. Set-up the day of (tables, garbage bins, having utensils, drinks, napkins available, speaker/microphone)
8. Making sure we have a good ratio of cooks

Things to decide:

1. What site location?
2. Would we want the winner to be awarded a cash prize to motivate more participation?
3. What are some extra activities we can have available for families? Bouncy house? Dunk tank? Cotton Candy stand?
4. Do we want live music?

Environment feel: This would have more of a casual feel and may attract our neighbors if we did it at the downtown site to come out and check out. Definitely open for families

2. **Set up volunteer local service activities for high school youth with their involvement**
 - a. Set up a meeting with high school youth at the end of August to brainstorm local organizations where we could serve
 - i. Choose 4 different organizations
 - ii. Coordinate one outreach event every quarter (4 events a year)
 - iii. Contact and set date and time with organization, get it on the church calendar
 - iv. Advertise to youth via Facebook, Instagram, bulletin announcements, and newsletter
3. **Plan a winter ski trip for high school youth**
 - a. Choose location
 - b. Organize transportation
 - c. Organize a sign up for youth
 - d. Organize chaperones
 - e. Advertise to youth via Facebook, Instagram, bulletin announcements, newsletter
4. **Being intentional about bridging the transition from 9th grade Confirmation class to high school programming**
 - a. Recruitment