



Learning Ministry Team Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 23, 2018- 7:00 p.m.
Copper Rock Coffee-210 W. College Ave, Appleton

Attendees: Kirsten Owens, Becky Stellmacher, Debi Walters, and Laura Tlachac

I. Began meeting with prayer

II. Agenda Items

A. VBS Update

1. VBS Dates: August 6-9
2. VBS planning committee has been created and they are in the process of building the curriculum as it relates to the Creation Story
 - a. Spreadsheet on Google Drive has been created and each member has been adding input to each area
 - b. Kirsten is currently reaching out in the community to have volunteers for a mission moment each day
3. Biggest challenge has been figuring out what Music we are able to use and who will be leading it.
4. Heidi (and intern program) would like a week by week time line of what they should be doing to prepare by mid-June.

B. Sunday School and Confirmation Recap

1. Discussed our thoughts on how the Sunday school updates went this year based on feedback from members.
 - a. Wins:
 - i. Attendance patterns did not drop off as they have in the past after Christmas; will be newsletter article discussing how this trend has changed this year
 - ii. Storytellers brought more community feeling to the Sunday School Program
 - iii. Congregation (DS) was overall positive about seeing the kids in church for Pastor chat
 - iv. Everyone was speaking the same "language"
 - v. Families were able to take lessons/discussion home even if they weren't able to attend that week (Take home sheets added to FELC Webpage for reference)
 - b. Needs Work
 - i. Some of our long time teachers don't feel as connected to the changed program as they have in the past

- ii. Greater teach buy-in during opening (DS)
- iii. Noticed lower offering at both sites
- iv. Invite families to join more often; let families know that FELC understands you might not be there every week.
- v. Due to scheduling conflict, unable to do Easter Passion Play at NS, but still a possibility for next year

2. Plans for this coming year

- i. Planning on not making many changes to what we did this year, so families can get used to it
- ii. Christmas program will still be for All ages; hopefully will have more volunteers as they see how easy it was to participate
- iii. For 6th grade students, looking into creating “Junior Leader” role for opening as Confirmation Prerequisite
- iv. Discussed options for NS parents to do during education time, since it doesn't not overlap a service to build more community
- v. Similar to summer programs, will have an information sheet created for each child (allergies, likes, dislikes, education preferences, etc.)

C. Mental Health Initiative

- 1. FELC is participating a Mental Health Initiative and FELC hosted NAMI Youth Mental Illness 101 on May 16,2018
- 2. Turnout was smaller than expected, but was able to have a good, honest conversation with the people who were there
- 3. We will be looking to start opportunities for support groups based on the discussions at the 5/16/2018 Meeting

III. Schedule Next Meeting- Tentatively set for Tuesday, August 14, 2018- 7:00 pm at Pullmans