

Leadership Team Meeting

4.7.10

In Attendance

Carissa Esmon, Bryan Nelson-Phelan, Baxter Swensen, Aaron Johnson, Rick Elgendy, Dena Wangberg and Christin McFadyen

Devotional

Business Items

- Housing Allowance
 - Aaron has designated \$24,000.00 of his income towards his housing allowance. Approved unanimously by the Leadership Team.
- Financial Update
 - Brian is continuing to work with Megan and Ryan. Megan is working on an excel spreadsheet that will tabulate weekly giving and other items. The current average offering is \$2,645.00.
- 4 month report at next meeting
 - Will have a budget update for the first 4 months of the year at the next meeting.
 - Look into web version of QuickBooks or a remote access option. Christin will ask Jon McFadyen about remote access possibilities. Need to look into options and price them out to see if it's possible with our budget for this year.
- Upcoming meeting dates
 - Tuesday, May 11th at 7 pm
 - Wednesday, June 2nd at 7 pm
 - Tuesday, July 6th at 7 pm
- Congregational meeting, April 25
 - Will update the congregation on the equity line and affirming Aaron going to Annual Meeting. Possibly nominating a delegate for the Annual Meeting.

Membership Classes

- April 18, 12:15 – 3:15 pm, Rick and Baxter
- April 28, 7-10 pm, Dena and Bryan (tentatively)
- May 8, 10 am – 1 pm, Christin and Carissa

Feedback on Easter Vigil

- Good length of service
- Great music – thanks to Dave for his preparation and planning of the music
- Good liturgy, mood, atmosphere, and darkness to light
- Maybe integrate a celebration and feasting as a community after the service next time.
 - Leave out the sections of words that were read aloud by the pastors, but not congregation.

Summer at ResCov

- Begin thinking about how we as a church can gear up for summer and not let ministries and activities fade during the summer months.

Expansion of ministry

How can we make room for our church to grow? Not only numerically, but in ministries. Thinking of the physical space we have (size of the sanctuary, arrange the space differently, etc.). Is this something we should be thinking about? Is it something we want for our community?

- Capital campaign

Is this something we can consider to raise money for some larger building projects?

- Leadership team will come up with the vision and goals and work with the Building Team to research possibilities, prices, etc. What will work best for our community?

- Christian Formation team is working out if Sunday school will continue during the summer. While we don't want our ministries of Christian Formation to end in May, it's likely that the summer months will be under/less attended. Table Talk will possibly end in May and pick up again in the fall. Groups can choose to continue on their own during the summer. If groups decide to continue, the Christian Formation team will work on a structure for that to support the groups.
 - Christian Formation team will ask Table Talk facilitators to check with their groups to see how people feel about continuing or not continuing meeting during the summer.
- Softball will be going on again at ResCov. Christin and Dena will talk with AJ and Luke about planning the BBQs. Will look for someone willing to plan the cookouts. Possibly only 2 Softball BBQs this summer: one at the beginning and one at the end.

Ministry Team Updates

Community Life

SWAP - Lisa Anderson is willing to continue coordinating SWAP presenters with the help of Sarah Johnson as long as that arrangement continues to make sense (based on the fact that Lisa's attendance is infrequent and she will be moving out of the neighborhood next month). May's SWAP session would be held on the 22nd, and the tentatively suggested topic is a bike tune-up workshop led by TK Johnson.

Earl - He really needs to change his lifestyle in order to improve his health. How can we help?

- Aaron is looking at a possible living situation with Earl. An apartment in West Garfield Park, possibly subsidized housing.
- Earl is in the pre-diabetic stage.
- Use benevolence funds to help pay for the first few months of Earl's apartment?
- Has been helping Bryan with building projects (i.e. waxed floor in basement).
- How can we help his diet to stave off diabetes?
- How can we help him study for the GED?
- How can we do more for our other friends at the Warming Center?

Directory Update

- Luke sent the PDF to Dena and Dena shared it with the Leadership team.
- Take a look at it and see if there are any changes or updates to be made
 - Switch out the current cover for the picture with the red door, edit Marissa's ministry "Hospitality Meals".
- Hope to have it sent out in the next week and half.
- How often do we want to re-send it out with updates?
- Will announce to congregation to make updates to their information or add their information in church next Sunday and include a note in the e-newsletter. Look into the possibility of a photo directory.

Sidewalk Café Saturday – summertime

- Carissa will talk to Bruce about if he wants to head that up or see who else is interested.
 - Include CSA pick up, coffee and treats, incorporate the community garden – get people in the community involved at the church.
 - Immediate neighborhood community outreach.
 - Is this something the church is interested in trying and/or committing to?

Christian Formation - Update from Rick

1. In the Way: We've done three weeks of Ephesians. Yesterday we had 16 people in attendance, which is a recent high. Also, we're scheduled for three weeks out in terms of facilitators, and none of those are Margie, Krista, or me, which is great. A priority (not high, but a priority nonetheless) is finding more people for our coordinating team and finding someone to take my place in running that.
 2. Table Talk: Groups are moving into the more "substantive" phases of considering what it means to be the church. It seems to me that things are going quite well, but, of course, Aaron might have more to say about that.
 3. Prayer retreats: TBD. I hear there were 10 people at the first; not sure about the second. Which brings me to.
 4. Formation team: Hasn't met in a while, which is why I'm not sure about the retreats. We should do this soon.
- Additional In the Way leaders

Need someone to pick up facilitating and organizing In the Way as well as additional leaders to take turns leading on Sundays. How do we get more people involved and participating in In the way?

5. Christian Formation intern

- Form search committee
- Rick and Aaron will get group together once it's formed. Carissa and Dena will both talk to several people about interest in being on the search committee.
- Ask Sarah to post the job description on the website and make an announcement in the e-newsletter.
- VBS
- Who can we talk to about possibly being interested in working in children's ministry? Lead the VBS planning?
- Make announcement in the e-newsletter.

Building Revitalization - Update from Bryan

1. We will be having a work day this Saturday starting at 10 which will focus primarily on cleaning, painting and reorganizing the children's area but will also do some outdoor clean up and garden prep.

2. I am planning to schedule the sidewalk work we budgeted for at 3913. The bid I got came in about \$300 under budget so let's hope it works out to that. If you have questions about this let me know but I'll be talking with Ryan to make sure we have money on hand to pay for it.

3. I can explain this in more detail tomorrow if you want but starting April 26 the city will be tearing up Byron to install a new water main. The street will be blocked from about 7-330, monday through friday, and parking will be a little more limited than normal. This should not impact Sundays except for parking being a little more of a pain. The project will take approximately 2 months.