

## **CUMC-WF Ministries Council June 12 Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Kari Smith, Michael King, Cathy Cooney, Mary Lynn Elvers, Lauren Loonsfoot, Lindsay Drake, & Brenda Allen

### **Devotion/Check-In: How is it with your soul?**

### **Nominations process for openings within Clusters (Brenda)**

- How many people are needed for each working group/cluster?
- What is a reasonable term?
- How many holes do you currently have?

### **Discussion:**

- The group sees merit in the idea of the Ministries Council populating the group rather than returning to the old system of a separate Nominations Committee who may not know the people or the needs of the group. It seems that often the same people get asked—people don't know others.
- The Journeys Catalog that was used previously was good in theory, but often follow-through didn't happen so that would be important if we return to doing something like that.
- Education committee often defaults to Lauren; the youth area is currently short, but the other parts have good representation right now.
- Reaching & Receiving has focused on and has responsibilities identified, but there are no team leaders to do some of the identified projects. They have no at-large members currently
- On-boarding of people into new groups and leadership training need to be more of an emphasis—and there are plans for both by Lindsay and Lauren
- Three-year terms seem reasonable for at-large positions. Groups liked the idea of being flexible on the number of at-large positions per group. Will need to think about actual needs.

### **To Do Before Next Meeting:**

- Consider how many at-large members are really needed for your clusters—and what holes you have for at-large members or team leader/representatives currently. Bring those back to next Ministry Council Meeting—with a current list of your membership so we can confirm we have an accurate list on file.

### **Proposal for Ministries Fair at the beginning of the S.S. Year (Reaching & Receiving, Education Clusters) Discussion:**

- Initial plan is to have this the week after the Welcome BBQ and Rally Sunday for Sunday School
- The possibility of flip-flopping S.S. Rally Sunday and Ministries Fair was discussed so people learn about the S.S. classes and S.S. teachers can

participate in the Fair as well. Lauren and Lindsay are going to think through this and make a decision and let us all know for sure what will work best after conferring with those involved a bit more. It could be a Welcome Back Brunch instead of BBQ if that would work better to support the respective activities.

- We hope all Ministries Clusters and Teams are represented—as well as Admin Groups too.
- We want to see something like Journeys brought back—thought about in conjunction with this, but too quick of turn-around. Will likely be in conjunction with consecration Sunday is in the past.
- Table/Booths will need to have a hand-out about their program and sign-ups for more information/interest available—most important thing is follow-up

### **Discipleship Pathways Ideas/Proposal for Reactions Discussion (Lindsay, Lauren):**

- What does it mean to fully live into this church/purpose? Who are we called to be?
- Focusing on offering rams for people to engage.
- Connected to the logo and Purpose statement with 4 colors/concepts: Invite, Experience, Grow, and Serve
- We suggested using the term Pathway, but leave off Discipleship for the general congregation.
- The proposal is posted in the Ministries Council Resources for your reference.
- Michael King moved to support the Pathways Proposal as a Ministries Council as Lauren and Lindsay move forward to share with the Church Council. Cathy Cooney seconded and all in attendance were in support.

### **Faith Perceptions (Mystery Guest) Report—Initial Reactions, Method to process, Work by Worship and Reaching & Receiving (Michael King) Discussion:**

- The Reaching and Receiving and Worship Clusters have spent a great deal of time looking at the full report and are taking some actions. They also identified components that fit with Trustees or Facilities, rather than ministry.
- Mike King has prepared some notes and summary of reactions that we'll share in the Ministries Council Resources
- Cluster chairs are encouraged to follow-up with Reaching and Receiving or Worship to learn more about what they're doing and also to look at the report themselves. We may return to this again, but right now we'll leave things up to those groups to take action based on their analyses of the results.

### **Additional Cluster Reports/Updates**

- Hospitality training will be held at the end of August

- Ames Pridefest is in Ames the same Sunday as Rally Sunday. We are again a sponsor for this event and will have a presence.
- Sept. 8 and 15 will be big Sundays in the church with Welcome Back BBQ, Rally Sunday and Ministries Fair, the beginning of Sunday School, etc. Watch for more details to confirm what will be on which Sunday.
- The summer includes 3 mission trips and Reaching and Receiving is planning non-formal social gatherings so keep your eyes out for those.

**Closing Prayer**—Thanks to Michael King

Mary Lynn Elver volunteered to provide the devotion at our August meeting.

**Next meeting: Monday, August 12**

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