

Ministries Council meeting minutes March 5, 2019 7:00 p.m.

Agenda: 1. Introductions
2. Devotion
3. Cluster Sharing
4. How our Work Connects with the Purpose
5. Goals and Expectations for Group
6. Closing Prayer

Attending: Brenda Allen
Lindsay Drake
Jen Hibben
Michael King
Mike King
Lauren Loonsfoot
Donna Matulac
Margie Poorman
Jodi Risdal
Kari Smith

Opening/Welcome – Brenda Allen, Chair

Introductions

Devotion – Brenda from *Jesus Calling*

Business

Brenda

- Review of Collegiate UMC / Wesley Foundation purpose statement: “The purpose of Collegiate/Wesley is to build an inclusive community that invites all people to experience God’s unconditional love, grow in faith, and serve others.”
- Vision for Ministries Council – get to know what each other are doing toward advancing/assisting each other (making sure folks aren’t working in silos)

Cluster Sharing

Worship – Mike King, Chair

- Currently working on:
 - Organizational work – cluster was dormant for a while
 - Discussing roles – paid vs. non-paid – philosophy around this
 - Budgeting
 - “Mystery Guest”/Guest Perceptions report – Brenda will send out summary for discussion prior to next meeting
 - C/W purchased a 12-visit package – 6 people visited the 8:30 or 11:00 services
 - Surveyed on their Impressions as to how they were greeted, how easily they could find things, etc.

Christian Education – Kari Smith, Donna Matulac, Co-Chairs

- Currently working on:
 - Restructuring to be more intentional about covering all education needs (toddlers to adults) – created subcommittees toward this effort (kids, youth, adult)
 - Volunteer needs for Sunday school, youth groups (MS and HS)

- Priorities: Refocusing to determine purpose and include all stakeholders

Sending to Serve – Jodi Risdal, At-large member

- Currently working on:
 - Identifying a Chair – Ted Wolff’s term ended 2018. Jodi willing to serve in the interim and will help identify a Co-Chair.
 - Working to align with the Purpose statement and improve communication with the congregation around service opportunities/missions

Reaching and Receiving – Michael King, Co-Chair

- Currently working on:
 - Moving from welcoming to getting people involved, growing in faith

Congregational Care – Margie Poorman, Chair

- Currently working on:
 - This cluster has a number of different activities/programs under its umbrella:
 - Stephen Ministers
 - Sermon tapes delivery
 - Communion serving for homebound
 - Cards
 - Meal Train
 - Visits
 - Discussion around creating ways for folks involved in each area to interact / know more about what each other is doing

How our Work Connects with the Purpose

Questions for each cluster:

How frequently are groups meeting?

How do you feel about current cluster membership (e.g. at capacity, needs)?

(reminder that this Council functions in a nominations/position-filling role)

Worship

- Currently meeting every 4-6 weeks
- Full complement of at-large but classes aren’t balanced (e.g. many people will be going off simultaneously), but have lost track of/touch with many team leads (except music comes regularly)

Christian Education

- Currently meeting every other month (alternating with this Council meeting), summer off
- Well-staffed

Sending to Serve

- Lacking at-large members (at least 2 vacancies to fill)
- Have not met since this past fall – Jodi will call a meeting soon

Reaching and Receiving

- Currently meeting monthly or every other
- Lacking members beyond team leads

Congregational Care

- Currently meeting as needed
- All members are team leads

Goals and Expectations for Group--How can we partner together on efforts?

- Discussion about improving communication around what clusters (and teams within clusters) are doing
- Discussion around connecting people – C/W 101 class was discussed – helping people to get plugged in, gauge their interests – an opportunity area for Reaching & Receiving
- Mike King stressed importance of having at-large members on clusters in order for them to function properly
- Suggestion of a ministries fair or something like it was raised as a way of getting clusters together to make all members aware of what is happening

Future topics/meetings – Brenda

- How do we populate our groups?
- Are our clusters appropriate/fitting the right role?
- Communication—and how we use the Communicator as a tool
- Pathway to connect people
- Training needs, resources
- Results from our Faith Perceptions report

Action Items:

- Not all were aware of / using Planning Center – Lindsay will send a tutorial and we will briefly go over using it at the beginning of the next Council meeting.
- Brenda will share summary of Mystery Guest/Guest Perceptions report. Review prior to next meeting.
- April 8 Devotion – Jodi
- Need a volunteer for closing prayer on April 8

Next Ministries Council meeting: April 8

8:40: Closing Prayer – Mike King