

RELATIONSHIPS TEAM MEETING MINUTES

August 9, 2023 6:30 p.m.

Team Member				Team Member			Guests	
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Dallas Reeve	Х							
Therese Blakely		Х						
Michael Morefield	Х							
Connie Sommer	Х							
Chris Schupp	Х							

P = Present A = Absent, E = Excused

I. Opening Prayer: Dallas opened with Prayer

II. Previous Meeting Minutes: none

III. Reports:

- A. Abide Michael discussed the traffic pattern with Sarah. They have adjusted some of the coffee tables, getting quotes on getting a longer, permanent coffee bar installed. Possibility of some funds in the Capital Campaign for lobby updates. Have been ending at 10:45 regularly. Averaging about 25 people each week. Partnering with Men's Ministry for axe throwing, ladies doing a farmers market.
- B. Women's Ministry Have filled out the team; currently Nancy Williams, Beth Schupp, Lyn Vande Polder, Mary Long, and Joanne King. Women's night of Worship scheduled for Aug 27th. Christmas tea will be either Dec 4th or 11th.
- C. Men's Ministry Planning Men's Christmas and Annual Campfire. Trying to keep each event fresh, need to coordinate planning. Planning axe throwing with Abide, need to update the previous communication.
- D. Conversations Beginning on Sept 13th. Lake McGinty is coordinating overall, with a theme of equipping for Gospel ministry. It was suggested that fewer tables be set up to start, so that people will sit together. Connie has the same kitchen crew on board for meals. Dave Smith is in charge of recruiting volunteers for setup and cleanup. Sam's Card has been no change.

IV. Unfinished Business.



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A. Friendship Partners – Need to try to have a couple above the number that RSVP (10-12). Kicking off new members class on Oct 1st, would like to have people lined-up by that time. Will let people attending the class know and make introductions on either the 1st or 2nd class. Next step would be to consider members who would be good candidates.

a. Possible Candidates

- i. Larry & Jeannie Anderson Connie
- ii. Dale & Karen Anderson Dallas
- iii. Mark & Therese Blakley Dallas
- iv. Elliot & Nicole Boltz Dallas
- v. Tim & Jane Edwards Connie
- vi. Tom & Lisa EI Connie
- vii. Adam & Sarah Harris Dallas
- viii.John & Judy Ellsworth Chris
- ix. Brian & Jenny Kemp Connie
- x. Jim & Angela Langford Chris
- xi. Justin & Amanda Ewing Connie
- xii. Steve Moberg Chris
- xiii.Ethan & Laurie Funk Dallas
- xiv.Steve & Jenny Phelan Dallas
- xv. John & Cathy Russell Connie
- xvi.Tyler & Angela Todd Chris
- xvii.Palmer Maples Connie
- xviii.Andrea Quinn Connie
- xix.Don & Lynn Vande Polder Chris



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xx. Landon & Kathy Welch - Dallas

- b. Next step would be to break up the list & contact; asking them to be a potential candidate, based on the amount of RSVP's. Outline expectations, share job description. Shooting for October 15th as a starting date.
- c. Possibility of having them come to September meeting, for an orientation.
- B. Michael will have teaching covered for Abide during the new members class
- C. Church Directory Hoping to have the directory ready by kickoff Sunday. No brunch on Sep 3rd, with Ritchey's last Sunday.
- D. Request for event from Ritchey: Showing The Author in the Ministry Center. Would need to setup chairs, no food required. Check with Abide or Chair Team for setup. Planning for August 24th. Would be the equivalent of a church-wide Film Fanatics, with a 30-45 minute discussion afterward. Looking at either 6:00 to 8:00 or 6:30 to 8:30. Michael to follow-up with Ritchey. Provide popcorn and soda, ask people to bring more if they like.
- E. Farewell for Chuck Leedle Kelly leading the choir in song, having an elder pray over Chuck and Ritchey on Sep 3rd. Michael suggested the choir having a party, but it was not well received. Email to the church, donuts during Sunday School in the public half of the Fellowship Hall on Sep 10th. Will have a place for notes or cards. Connie to come help setup for the refreshments at 9:10 or so. Planning on 200 donuts and coffee. Asking FirsTeam to make extra coffee that morning. Michael to submit Link announcement.

V. Planned Events/Other:

A. Quarterly Social Events:

- 1. Summer picnic went well. 300 pieces of chicken were ordered. 200 people attended, 24 tables were set up. VBS/Breakaway parents/families were also invited. Caleb had outdoor slide and a bounce house. 4 long tables were set up for food and 1 drink table.
- 2. Cable Family farewell Changed to Wed, Sep 6th, at 6:00pm. Relationships is not doing a program. Desire for it to be more simple than a fully catered meal, plus the cost seems to be prohibitive. Still would like to do a cake and punch style gathering, with another team to put forward a program afterwards. The focus should be on Ritchey, closure, and



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celebrating his time at Gashland. Desert potluck, with people bringing Ritchey's favorite desserts. Special elements will come from the program portion of the event. Ask Beautification to help with setup and decoration. Michael to coordinate with Session on further details. Using the long tables down in the Ministry Center. Setting up 24 tables.

- 3. Summer Socials are finishing up.
- 4. Fall Fest scheduled for October 21st. Do the Chili cookoff and have more judges. Also cook hot dogs. More planning to come in September.
- VI. New Business:
- VII. Announcements:
 - A. Next Relationships team meeting is scheduled for September 13th at 8:00 in the Reception Room.
- VIII. Adjournment: Chris closed with Prayer