

RELATIONSHIPS TEAM MEETING – MINUTES

February 07, 2024 7:30pm

Team Member				Team Member				Guests
	P	A	E		P	A	E	
Mark Blakley (Elder)	X			Michael Morefield	X			
Therese Blakely	X			Ethan Funk (Elder)			X	
Connie Sommer	X							
MM. – Chris Schupp	X							
WM. – Lyn Vande Polder	X							

I. Opening Prayer – Mark opened in prayer

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes –

Approved

III. Old Business

1. Budget – Relationships budget was \$7,700 in 2023 and is \$5,000 for 2024. Here are details:

Category	2023	2024	
Conversations	1,100	1,250	
Quarterly Socials	2,100	1,500	
Sunday AM Hospitality	1,600	1,250	
Women’s Ministry	500	----	(has a separate way of funding)
Men’s Ministry	1,400	500	
20/30s Ministry (Abide)	1,000	500	
Total	7,700	5,000	

2. Senior Group – We voted to create a new group for the 50 and up members. Team members will be Mark and Therese Blakley, Connie Sommer, Dallas Reeve and Lyn Vande Polder. Mark will set up a meeting for discussion. This group also needs to reach out to the shut-ins or those that can’t get out much.

3. Website – Continued discussion from previous meeting about small improvements that can be made to Gashland website and sign in front of church. Michael agreed that this should be done and also include better calendar for upcoming events so that new people can find out how to get plugged in. This will be brought up at Session so we can figure out who this should be assigned to.

4. Corn Hole event planned for March 2nd 6:30-8:30. Ministry Center has been reserved from 6-9. There will be events for all ages, but no nursery provided that evening. We will provide popcorn and drinks and ask people to bring a snack to share.

IV. Reports –

- A. Abide – Michael trained 5 new teachers for Abide. The coffee bar has been moved against the wall and traffic pattern is working well. Abide will combine their Feb event with the Corn Hole event.
- B. The Women’s ministry – Lyn Vande Polder attended and gave a report. Apples of Gold is currently going on – a way for women to encourage and be encouraged by other women. Day of Prayer will be decided at the Women’s meeting on Thursday.
- C. The Men’s ministry - Chris Schupp attended and gave a report. Scripture reading will continue to be the last Sunday of the month. For now, this will stay with Men’s Ministry and not be part of Discipleship. Campfire also continues monthly. Chris will be teaching men’s Sunday School class on Fruits of the Spirit.
- D. Conversations – Having meal and just fellowship time (no teaching) is not drawing a big crowd. Talked about having some scripture verses or ice breaker questions at each table. We will do a game night on February 28th. Session has asked to use February 21st night for Q/A on Pastor Search. This could have a higher attendance than normal, so plan meal accordingly. February 14th conversations will be potluck soup night. Ash Wednesday service will begin at 7:15 in the Ministry Center. There will be a link to sign up if you are bringing soup.

V. New Business

South Lobby Coffee Table. Discussed the vision of what the space in the south lobby should be and if a welcome/multi-use/coffee bar is needed. Chris Schupp agreed to come up with some plans on potential options. This would also involve Outreach and could potentially have people stationed there each week to answer questions, direct people, etc. We agreed that the Relationships team should own this. Need to determine what the vision/purpose is for that space. This could be part of the Capital Campaign, but will not happen until after the Children’s Ministry carpet project is done.

Summer Picnic – We will combine our Summer kickoff picnic with Breakaway picnic on June 9th after 2nd service. Events will be outside. Mark suggested cooking hamburgers/hot dogs and having people bring sides and dessert. More discussion to follow.

Have an event, possibly in April/May, called “Chicken and Pickle” and have fried chicken from HyVee and a pickle ball tournament. Discuss at next meeting.

VI. Adjourn

Chris moved that we adjourn and Theres 2nd it.

Action Items Completed

Recommendations/Plan of Action	Completion/ Follow-Up Due Date	Who is Responsible?
Follow Up with Discipleship Team about new format for Conversations – fellowship and no teaching time Mark talked with Michael	Done	Mark Blakley
Reach out to Discipleship Team about Scripture Reading – does this belong to them? - No – stays with Relationship team at this time	Done	Chris Schupp
Ask Michael about starting Conversations with prayer and dismissing kids – or who else can do it?	Done	Therese Blakley
Notify Dave Smith to tell Conversations clean up team to leave coffee out until the last thing and make announcement before it goes away	Done	Therese Blakley
Promote new format of Conversations during 1 st and 2 nd service	Done	Mark Blakley
Buy meat at Price Chopper meat sale	Done	Connie Sommer
Request that 60 second greeting time be put back in both first and second service – Worship Team will meet on Feb 13 th	Done	Mark Blakley
Let RT know when date for Women’s Day of Prayer is decided – they will not be having it this year	Done	Lyn Vande Polder
Communicate Corn Hole tournament as much as possible and promote as an ALL CHURCH event.	Done	Mark Blakley
Schedule a meeting for new 50s and Up group	Done	Mark Blakley

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Bring up in Session about the church sign needing Service Times posted and possibility of updating a few photos/placements on the website – need to revisit this again – ask Session who to assign to this		Mark Blakley
Ask about getting a line item for Tithely for meal donations at Conversations.		Chris Schupp
Get ice breaker questions or scripture verses for Conversations on Mar. 6 th		Therese Blakley
Get Corn Hole boards for March 2 nd event		Mark Blakley

Next Meeting Date	March 6 th , 7:30pm
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Therese Blakley

Recording Secretary