

RELATIONSHIPS TEAM MEETING – MINUTES

January 10, 2024 6pm

Team Member				Team Member				Guests
	P	A	E		P	A	E	
Dallas Reeve (Elder)	X			Mark Blakley (Elder)	X			
Therese Blakely	X			Ethan Funk (Elder)	X			
Connie Sommer	X							
MM. – Chris Schupp	X							
WM. – Beth Schupp	X							

I. Opening Prayer –Dallas opened in prayer

Dallas was acknowledged for his years of service on RT. We want to thank him as he transitions off the team, and we are happy that he will be part of one of our sub-teams. Thank you, Dallas!

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes –

Approved

III. Reports –

- A. Abide – Teachers are currently Scott Blakley and Derek Williams. Group is wanting to plan a February group event. See if this can overlap with RT Quarterly event.
- B. The Women’s ministry – Beth Schupp attended and gave a report. Coming up is the Apples of Gold program in Feb and Around the Table will start up again in Feb. Also wanting to start back up the 2nd Saturday coffee. There will be a Day of Prayer during Lent – date has not been decided.
- C. The Men’s ministry - Chris Schupp attended and gave a report. Scripture reading will continue to be the last Sunday of the month. Had discussion about this being part of the Discipleship team. Campfire also continues monthly and hoping to increase attendance. They will be discussing Fruits of the Spirit. Looking to refocus the Men’s Annual Retreat.
- D. Conversations – Talked about plans for the start up on Jan 24th. Going to try the format of just having the meal and fellowship/conversations after, with no lesson. Adults will remain in the Ministry Center and kids will continue to use Fellowship Hall, per Rachael Adams. Talked about trying to get an attendance headcount each week, but decided that won’t be very accurate, based on previous experience. Connie and team prepare food for 100-120 each week. We need to promote

the new format and encourage people to come. Ethan asked if we should have a scripture available to discuss as another option for each table. Need to follow up with Discipleship so they know our plans, since we co-own Conversations with them. Connie asked if she can buy meat while it's on sale this week, and team approved that. Mark B agreed that he will pay the difference if she goes over budget 😊 We will still need someone to start the evening with prayer and announce when kids are leaving, etc. Check with Michael to see if he's ok with that or if someone else can do it. Connie brought up that we should not tell people they don't have to pay. We also need to announce last call for coffee before the clean up team takes it away. Beth Schupp asked why the Middle School kids go 15 minutes longer than the Kid Zone kids. There will be no Conversations on March 20th or March 27th, due to Spring Break and Maundy Thursday (March 28th).

IV. - Unfinished Business

1. Budget – Ethan and Mark will report back to the team what the 2024 budget will be after Session meeting approves the new proposed budget. It will be trimmed, so we will need to plan accordingly for our events. Maybe do more pot-luck and have people bring things rather than purchase already made food. Will discuss more after we know our budget.
2. Senior Group – we discussed creating a new group for 50+ish members of the congregation. This has been missing for several years. Dallas expressed an interest in being part of that team. Connie is working on names. Mark and Therese also want to be involved. More to come.
3. Website – discussed the possibility of changing the first page that comes up to have a more friendly picture and not have the “Worship with Us Virtually” be the first thing you see on the mobile version. It does not feel very inviting. Also discussed having the church service times - 8:30 and 11:00 - added to the sign outside the church. Ethan will bring both of these topics up at Session.

V. Planned Events/Other

Discussed having a church-wide Corn Hole tournament in the Ministry Center on March 2nd. Mark will co-ordinate this event. We need to determine if there will be something for young kids or how that should work. Will discuss at next meeting.

VI. Adjourn

Ethan made a motion to adjourn and Therese seconded it.

Action Items

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 Blakley
Bring up in Session about the church sign needing Service Times posted and possibility of updating a few photos/placements on the website		Ethan Funk
Let RT know when date for Women’s Day of Prayer is decided		Beth Schupp
Reach out to Discipleship Team about Scripture Reading – does this belong to them?		Chris Schupp
Request that 60 second greeting time be put back in both first and second service		Mark Blakley
Ask Michael about starting Conversations with prayer and dismissing kids – or who else can do it?		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		Therese Blakley
Promote new format of Conversations during 1 st and 2 nd service		Mark Blakley
Ask Ron Wilson why the Middle School kids go 15 minutes longer than younger kids on Wed nights		Beth Schupp
Buy meat at Price Chopper meat sale		Connie Sommer

Next Meeting Date	Jan 31 st , 7pm
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Therese Blakley

Recording Secretary