

## RELATIONSHIPS TEAM MEETING – MINUTES

**April 10, 2024 7:00pm**

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

I. Opening Prayer – Mark opened in prayer

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes –  
Approved

III. Review of Action Items

Recommendations/Plan of Action	Completion/ Follow-Up Due Date	Who is Responsible?
Work with Session and Coordinating team about the church sign needing Service Times posted - Dave Wiersma	Delayed due to Re-Branding	Mark Blakley- Property Ethan Funk
Ask about getting a line item for Tithely for meal donations at Conversations.	Done	Ethan Funk will talk to Phil Josephson
Work with Session/Coordinating about the possibility of updating a few photos/placements on the website in the short-term, with a plan for possible funding of website redevelopment** See notes below	Delayed as per Ellie	Ethan Funk  Michael Morefield
Promote Prime Timer event for April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Done	Mark Blakley
Get an email distribution list set up for Prime Timer group – Ellie, Kathy or Mark Lancaster can help	Done – Thanks Kathy!	Mark Blakley
Bring plans/ideas for coffee bar area to April meeting	Done	Chris Schupp
Check on availability of large grill for Breakaway/Church Picnic on June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Done	Ethan Funk
Discuss with Dave Smith about incident and the procedure for allowing homeless people into church	Done	Mark Blakley
Bring ideas on how to combine/change events for all teams that fall under Relationship to next meeting	Repeat for next meeting	All of us

\*\* Need to determine where the new photos would come from – need more photos with people in them – worship, kids, events, etc. Also should have photos of each elder and deacon.

#### IV. Old Business

1. South Lobby Coffee Area – Chris brought some renderings of ideas for cabinets and countertop. Discussed having the cabinets go all the way to the wall and putting the countertop at an angle. It is important to be able to close that area off when not in use. More discussion to come at next meeting.

#### V. Reports –

- A. Abide – Ethan said they had a leadership meeting and decided that “less is more”. Planning a summer swim party at the Blakley’s. Doing a pickle ball event with everyone twice a year. Also planning a combined Thanksgiving/Christmas event – Friendsgivingmas. Kathy and Landon continue to make the coffee and provide the treats. We could potentially pass the donation bin to collect donations for coffee and treats on Sunday morning. Amanda Ewing has taken over the Diaper Train and Meal Train responsibilities. We discussed that it would be fun to have the Abide group cook or serve the Prime Timer group and vice versa.
- B. The Women’s ministry – Joanne King attended and gave report, said their team is in transition. Lyn Vande Polder has stepped down. They are thinking of having an activity in the Ministry Center with different “centers”. Looking for ways to help keep people in touch. Thinking about doing a survey to see what women are interested in. Planning the Night of Worship in the fall.
- C. The Men’s ministry - Chris Schupp attended and gave a report. Tim has stepped down and Chris Stackpole is busy with addition of new baby. Scripture Reading and Campfire are the main 2 events happening. Thinking of doing something like a pancake breakfast or a Men’s worship night. Wanting to do things for all generations.
- D. Prime Timer group – Event coming on April 12th. Kathy created email distribution list – [primetimers@gashland.org](mailto:primetimers@gashland.org) to make it easy to communicate events and ideas. We need to be sure we contact the shut-ins or those that do not do email when we have events.
- E. Conversations – Connie stated that the cook team is made up of a group of women with an average age of 70. They are physically not able to continue doing this every week next season. This has been a ministry for the last 11 years and is near and dear to their servant hearts and appreciated by the congregation, but it is time to do something different. We talked as a team that it is apparent that Conversations has run its course and it is time for something new. Ethan brought up some ideas like having a Worship night, Kid Zone group combined with adults, Big group game night (like bingo or trivia), Night of Prayer, Meeting night. We talked about maybe doing a survey to see what people would be excited about coming to. Michael suggested that we mobilize some new teams for Wednesday nights. More discussion in future meetings as we seek a new vision for Wednesday night youth and adult activities. Michael wants it to be a time to connect as a church

family. Maybe include community groups in that night? The Rummage Sale is happening on May 2, 3 and 4, so May 1<sup>st</sup> Conversations will be in Fellowship Hall.

VI. New Business

1. Therese will send out a "Save the date" announcement for the Summer Picnic on June 9th. This is an annual event and is combined with the end of Breakaway Field Days. Will have a carnival theme. This is a combination of Outreach and Relationship Teams.
2. Discuss Summer Socials at next meeting – we want to keep those going. Connie and Therese will gather the information and do the assignments.

VI. Adjourn

Ethan moved that we adjourn and Chris 2<sup>nd</sup> it.

<b>New Action Items</b>		
<b>Recommendations/Plan of Action</b>	<b>Completion/ Follow-Up Due Date</b>	<b>Who is Responsible?</b>
Save the Date announcement for June 9 <sup>th</sup> picnic		Therese Blakley
Make sign for Tithely donations for Conversations.		Mark Blakley
Bring ideas on what Wednesday nights could look like to next meeting		All of us

<b>Next Meeting Date</b>	May 1st, 7:00pm
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Therese Blakley

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Recording Secretary