

Ministry Team: Congregational Life

Meeting Date: 11/10/2009

ATTENDEES:

Emilie Larson
Elizabeth Hensel
Dong Pham
Margaret Zweig
Jean Monson

Excused:

Deni Lundwall

Items that may require budget/finance coordination:

- Consider take weddings out of the Congregational Life budget, since these pay for themselves. Or at least, list them separately on the summary budget form like Echoes, to show income and expenses separately.
- Please also list Fellowship income separately at the top of this summary budget form, like Echoes and wedding income. This will help with our budget concerns tremendously!

Since most of (if not all) fellowship expenses are for events that require tickets or have free-will donations, these expenses also pay for themselves apart from the regular pledged dollars to FELC. By listing these incomes separately (weddings and fellowship), we can budget what is truly being spent as an expense charged against the expected income from pledges. Without this separation of income/expenses, we are not able to accurately or effectively budget for the expenses of this ministry team.

Ministry team minutes:

- Finance/Budget review: 2010 budget proposals forwarded.
- Stephen Ministry – we do want to go ahead and pursue starting this at FELC. However, we need a pastor or staff leadership to get trained and organize/facilitate this program at FELC in order to be effective with this program. With current staffing and available time, this is not possible. Our goal for 2010 related to this ministry is to work toward starting this ministry as soon as possible, as long as it can be effectively implemented and administered. During the first half of 2010, we plan to work toward establishing interest and leadership for this program, to recruit people to attend the half-day in-state workshops next Spring, develop a task force, and have an in-house info session with members who have been Stephen Ministers in the past (ex. Ellen, Jean, and Rudy).
- For January 31, reintroduce – 5th Sunday Potluck, which we hope to have different small groups put together. Dong is looking into having the Men's Ministry group host one at the end of January.
- Discussed potential for a spiritual care ministry. Elizabeth Hensel will coordinate a task force in early 2010 to begin exploring this program.
- 2010 goals forwarded.

Submitted by: Emilie Larson