



ELCA Youth Ministry Network Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, September 28, 2017 through Saturday, September 30, 2017
Hyatt Regency, Houston, TX

Jeremy Myers, Tom Schwolert, Erik Ullestad, Sue Megrund, Regina Goodrich, Kinda Makini-Anderson, Becky Cole, Todd Buegler (Executive Director)

Thursday

Meeting Called to Order at 8:04pm (CST)

Board members each gave an update on their ministry and things they wanted to share

Opening Devotion: Tom Schwolert

Review of April Minutes

ACTION: Regina moved we accept the meeting minutes, Kinda seconds. Discussion: None. Minutes approved unanimously.

Review of July Minutes

ACTION: Jeremy moved we accept the meeting minutes, Erik seconds. Discussion: None. Minutes approved unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

Todd presented the report of the Executive Director

- Extravaganza 2018 Update
- Facebook Live Updates by Network Board throughout our time together
- Discipling Cohorts Initiative launched; gathering names for coaches and cohorts
- ELCA Staffing: continuing to fill Youth Ministry position; more connected to SYMBOL via Molly
- Network Role at the National Youth Gathering is 30 minute training sessions in the interactive center; 3 topics for the time (1 topic per day)

The board adjourned for the evening

Friday:

The morning began with devotions and prayer, led by Jeremy

Mission, Vision, Values:

The board reviewed the mission, vision, and values of the ELCA Youth Ministry Network. The things the Network does well were identified, along with some areas of possibly improvement. There was discussion about the Standards & Guidelines document.

Board Nominations

Erik and Kinda reported from the nominating committee. There was discussion about the nominating process.

ACTION: Sue motions we accept the slate of nominees from the nominating committee. Kinda seconds. Discussion: None. The motion carries unanimously.

Becky and Regina will serve a second term.

The new board member is Pastor Dan Fugate. Todd will contact him.

End of Year Financials Reports

Todd presented final 2017-2018 budget.

Discussion of budget items.

ACTION: Board members received a copy of the report

Executive Director Succession Plan

The board discussed forming a team to work on a succession plan for the executive director. Sue and Becky will sit on the team, along with Todd. Discussion about what the priorities were in the skill sets for the team members. Additional names were added to the list of possibilities. Todd will contact the people. Hope to have the first meeting in January at Extravaganza. Succession plan recommendation to be completed by September 2018.

Tom Hunstad Award

Criteria for the Tom Hunstad award reviewed. Board created a list of nominations.

Strategic Plan Review

The team is focusing on small group discernment. The process for this and the content are equally important. Currently there are two levels of accountability within the small groups. There is talk of an online assessment as we move through the years. This is a 3-5 year plan. The team was giving the plan and the practice discipleship architecture. The goal is to have all 65 synods represented in year 1. If there are some who aren't represented in year 2, the team will work actively with them in year 2 so they are represented. The board will continue to encourage people to sign up as coaches and cohorts in their respective synods.

Multi-Cultural Initiative Update

There has been a positive response to the multi-cultural initiative invitation to people of color. The leadership team will work together to determine the 25 people who will participate in this initiative held immediately before the Extravaganza. People will be notified in November.

Standards & Guidelines Document

The original document was lengthy and the new format is shorter. This will be used with our new strategic plan and the discipling cohorts teams. The board reviewed the edited standards

and guidelines document. The board suggested some edits. There was discussion of some kind of certification for children, youth, and family ministry.

The board adjourned for the evening

Saturday:

The morning began with devotions led by Regina

Tom Hunstad Award

The board further discussed the list of nominations. A final nominee was voted on. The award recipient was selected.

The board discussed a list of possible agenda items for January's meeting. Tom will work with Todd to set the agenda.

Future Meetings

January 25-26, 2018 at Hyatt Regency, Houston, TX

April 22-24, 2018 at The Lutheran Center, Chicago, IL

ACTION: Regina motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jeremy seconds. Discussion: None: Vote Unanimous. The board adjourned at 11:10am (CST).

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Cole