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ELCA Youth Ministry Network Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, April 27, 2020 | Online

Dan Fugate, Regina Goodrich, Heather Hanson, Kinda Makini, Kelly Sherman-Conroy, Becky Cole, Josh Toufar, Todd Buegler (Executive Director), Rachel Alley (ELCA Program Director for Youth Ministry)

Opening devotions Todd

Introductions There are two new board members, Heather and Josh. Everyone introduced themselves and gave an update on their ministry.

Executive Director's Report

Todd presented the report of the Executive Director

- Post Extravaganza 2020 update
- Extravaganza 2021 update
- ELCA Youth Ministry Network Finance update
- Discipling Cohorts update
- Discussion about ministry today during COVID-19

Churchwide Report

Rachel presented the report from Churchwide

- All churchwide staff are working as deployed staff during the pandemic
- Youth Core Leadership Team – meeting online weekly; the summer meeting won't be in person this year
- Youth Leadership Summit – 2 synod high school youth are equipped and sent back to their communities; 2020 is scheduled to be in Minneapolis, open to flexibility due to COVID-19
- ELCA program directors are considering priorities in their budgets as support is less than expected

Review of January Minutes

ACTION: Dan made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Heather. Minutes approved unanimously.

Multicultural Initiative Report

Regina presented the report from the Multi-Cultural Initiative in January

- The event went really well.
- Discussions among the participants about changes they would like to see in the future with this initiative
- The group included pastors this year and they were a great addition

Regional Facilitators

- Todd explained the original intent of Regional Facilitators to the board
- In today's world, communications are now digital and more easily directly distributed to the network members
- Todd reported on the discussion he had at the end of Extravaganza 2020 with the board
- Discussion about ending the role of this group well at Extravaganza 2021

ACTION: Heather made a motion to celebrate the role of Regional Facilitators at Extravaganza 2021 and end the role. Josh seconds. Motion approved unanimously.

Membership Fees

The membership fees have been the same for 10+ years. There was discussion of raising the membership fees \$5 or \$10 effective July 1, 2021. There was discussion about supplementing the membership fees for congregations who aren't currently Network members.

ACTION: Regina made a motion that the board continue the conversation about receiving a grant from the ELCA to subsidize congregations and encourage membership of the network to our next meeting and to increase the membership fees annually beginning July 1, 2021. Josh seconds. Motion carried unanimously.

Future Meeting Structures

Currently the structure of the board is to meet briefly at Extravaganza and then two in person meetings per year for 2 ½ days. There was a lot of discussion about meeting more often for a shorter amount of time. The board will discuss this more at the next meeting in six weeks.

Election of Officers

Todd reviewed the role of chairperson and secretary.

ACTION: Regina made a motion that Becky be chosen as Board Chair for the coming year. Heather seconds. Motion carried.

ACTION: Kinda made a motion that Heather be chosen as Secretary for the coming year. Dan second. Motion carried unanimously.

Future Meetings

June 8, 2020 Online

September 17-19, 2020 at Hilton Hotel, Minneapolis, MN

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Cole