



**ELCA Youth Ministry Network Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, September 22, 2016 through Saturday, September 24, 2016
Galt House, Louisville, KY**

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

Thursday:

Opening Devotions: Erik Ullestad

Review of April Minutes

Request to add meeting location to minutes.

ACTION: Jeremy moved we accept the meeting minutes with the amendment of location. Regina seconds. Minutes approved.

Review of September Agenda

Agenda reviewed. Additions: Multi-cultural initiative; Utilization of Base Camp

Executive Director's Report

Todd presented the report of the Executive Director

- Extravaganza 2017 Update
- Working on Extravaganza 2018 Theme
- Finances for the fiscal year look as expected.
- Utilizing volunteers for administrative tasks; opportunities listed on the elcaymnet.org website

Tom Hunstad Award

Criteria for the Tom Hunstad award reviewed. Board asked to think about names to bring to the meeting on Friday.

The board adjourned for the evening

Friday:

The morning began with devotions and prayer, led by Erik

Churchwide Staff Report

Paul Amlin presented his report from the churchwide office

- Future Directions Paper contains six months of responses and has been uploaded to Base Camp
- Young Adult Ministry is an open position as Rozella White left in July
- Youth Leadership Summit is in Ashville, NC in November; currently lower attendance and many synods not represented
- Youth Core Leadership Team plans the youth leadership summit; looking for high school youth

Tom Hunstad Award

A list of nominations was created

Practice Discipleship

Todd gave the board an update on the practice discipleship initiative. Current funding and leadership end December 2016. This may become part of the new strategic plan. Need to consider audience, expected outcomes, funding, and success stories.

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 24 people who will participate in this initiative held immediately before the Extravaganza. People will be notified in October.

Strategic Plan

The board reviewed the overall strategic goal from last April. Board members chose one area of plan (Connections, Renewal, Formation) and broke into teams to further define content for each respective area. Board came back together for further discussion of each area. Discussion about getting this information out to the network. Implementation and follow-up of strategic plan. A template was created for use by teams in further defining sub-goals for the strategic plan.

Board Nominations

Two board members are ending their first term in January. Needs and gifts of incoming board members was discussed. Need to create a nominating committee, Jeremy and Becky volunteered to be on the nominating committee. Todd will talk to the regional facilitators to get two additional people for the nominating committee. Todd will make sure the nominating form is on the website. Applications for board members will be accepted through October. The nominating committee will send the slate to the board in November for approval.

Tom Hunstad Award

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

The board adjourned for the evening

Saturday:

The morning began with devotions led by Erik Ullestad

Strategic Plan

The board reworked the sub-goals and wording utilizing the new template. The board discussed the new strategic plan.

Practice Discipleship

Using the information from the strategic plan helps with our proposal for practice discipleship. The proposal should include the new goals of the network, what the ELCA is trying to do, theological education, faith formation of children, youth & families, faith practices, baptismal promises, identifying and training leaders, while equipping leaders to become resources for their congregations, other denominations, their community. Erik will follow-up with Todd on our recommendations for the proposal.

Future Meetings

January 19-20, 2017, Galt House, Louisville, KY

April 23-25, 2017, The Lutheran Center, Chicago, IL

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Cole