



ELCA Youth Ministry Network Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday, April 23, 2017 through Tuesday, April 25, 2017
The Lutheran Center, Chicago, IL

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

Sunday:

Opening Devotions: Tom Schwolert

Review of September Minutes

ACTION: Jeremy moved we accept the meeting minutes with the board chairperson correction. Erik seconds. Minutes approved unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

Todd presented the report of the Executive Director

- E-Team Changes
- Post-Extravaganza 2017 Update
- Network Role Possibilities at the National Youth Gathering

The board adjourned for the evening

Monday:

The morning began with devotions and prayer, led by Tom

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

Multi-Cultural Initiative Report

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

- The event went very well
- Working on the timeline for this event in 2018
- Discussion related to communication and leadership for this event

Update from the ELCA

Mark Burkhardt presented the report from the ELCA

- Working with congregational vitality and leadership, rostered and lay leaders
- Hiring for both the Youth Ministry and Young Adult positions, which will work closely together

Strategic Plan

The strategic plan needs framework, a timeline, and resources list. The board discussed framework and proposed a timeline for consideration. Both of these will be further reviewed at another board session during this meeting.

Budget

Todd presented the 2017-2018 budget.

Discussion of budget items.

ACTION: Erik moved we accept the 2017-2018 budget. Kinda seconds. Additional discussion. Budget approved unanimously.

Practice Discipleship

The board discussed the practice discipleship initiative that ended in December 2016. Some great things came out of the initiative. As always, there are things that could be improved upon if we continue this work. Todd is going to pull together some people and have them come up with 2 or 3 options to present back to the board.

Strategic Plan

The board discussed creating a strategic plan team, which would not include the board. The board will steward the strategic plan and work on funding. Timeline was further discussed with the board giving definitive dates for the next 12 months and then allowing the strategic plan team to determine the timeline for the remaining three years. The board came up with a list of people to contact to determine interest in serving on the strategic plan team.

Nominating Committee

Erik and Kinda will serve on the Nominating Committee. RFs will select their two members for committee. We will invite someone to serve as member at large. The board will share thoughts on board needs and gifts at the Tuesday morning session.

The board adjourned for the evening

Tuesday:

The morning began with devotions and prayer, led by Erik

Nominating Committee

Discussed needs and gifts of the board for the nominating committee to consider. The current needs of the board would include one or more of the following: a pastor, children's ministry representation, rural setting, young adult ministry representation, a strategic thinker who can see the big picture. One thing to remember is having that perspective is also a gift.

Standards and Guidelines Document

- Reviewed the current Network Standards & Guidelines document
- Discussion about the purpose of this document
- Recommendation that we condense the document and make it a tool for people to use
- Check-in on the process of updating at July meeting

Future Meetings

July 25, 2017 Online

September 28-30, 2017 at Hyatt Regency, Houston, TX

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

The board adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Cole