

Pastoral Team Minutes – Oct 26, 2016

Present: Lorie, Nick, Mark, Amanda

Absent: Laurie

Discussed Ministry Groups – Received updates from the various groups on what has been happening since the last Pastoral team meeting.

- Amanda met on Sunday with the Children and Youth leaders and emailed notes to the Pastoral Team on what was discussed. The only needs of the youth leaders concerned building issues. They requested that we have a changing station somewhere in the building.
- Nick updated that the Faith Formation group hasn't met this Fall. He will be following up with leaders individually and will be talking with them about what they want to accomplish through our meetings. He is going to look for someone to head up the Men's Retreat committee for next year.

Discussed feedback from Sunday school class regarding preparation for Redemption Housing.

- One of the points to highlight is the desire to "Balance Jesus and Justice." We discussed having future sermons around these topics be theologically based, while having more pragmatic speakers join for workshops and/or Sunday School.
- Another point from the congregation was to create a steering committee to help the congregation with some of the issues brought up at the meeting. Lorie will follow up with the Redemption Housing committee about how they see their role in this.

Decided to approve a request for a mutual aid scholarship up to the amount of the conference fee (decided against giving aid for travel). Lorie will refer to the deacons to decide on the final amount to be disbursed.

Discussed pastoral care issues and ways to support households with on-going struggles.

- Decided to continue to use the google doc for prayer concerns and follow up.

Discussed the marriage enrichment seminar. Amanda will follow up with the SS leaders regarding child care and with Gwen White about her fee.

Lorie spoke about her desire to host an Election Day Communion, and the elders supported this idea.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 21st at 7:30PM

Time Keeper: Laurie

Minutes: Mark

Future agenda:

- Discuss ways to help parents with raising children in faith: parenting resources, a workshop, etc,