

Meeting Minutes - February 2017

Children, Youth & Families Ministry

Meeting Date

- 12 February 2017

Attendees

- Fleur Lutter, Samantha Hunt, Danielle Robinson, Pastor Mark Brinkmann, Kathy Brinkmann, Kay Jaunais, Val Huf, Desley Dyer

Apologies

- Rachel Hart

Discussion

Topic	Notes	Tasks
1. Welcome - Attendance/Apologies		
2. Devotion		
3. Upcoming Events/Dates		
3.1 Together With Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 3: 19/2/17 • Year 6: 19/3/17 • Year 2: 7/5/17 • Year 4: 21/5/17 • Year 1: 30/7/17 • Year 5: 27/8/17 (+ Sunday School) • Kindy: 10/9/17 (+ Sunday School) • Prep: 22/10/17 (+ Sunday School) • Safety of children • Families leaving after SS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Complete pew notices before 19/2/17 (FL) ❑ Adults (congregation members) to be deliberately seated near all doors and briefed to watch for children leaving unattended and to ask children if they need help ❑ Need to review adult:child ratio at Sunday School on TW dates
3.2 GIFT Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maundy Thursday Meal 13/4/17: 6pm dinner with GIFT activities, 7.30pm service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FL has asked Shane Kuhl to order Lent GIFT Package • Discussion of what should be given to children for Easter • Generations Brunch: Sun 23/7/17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate some activities into this event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Awaiting Lent GIFT Package ❑ FL to liaise with PM re incorporating elements of GIFT package into Lent/Easter worship ❑ Pastor Mark to discuss LLL with Grace Place heads on 14/2/17

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longest Lutheran Lunch: 29/10/17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be at College Chapel this year and have more involvement from Primary School and College. Care Team will coordinate this 	
3.3 Family and Friends Picnics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sun 29/2/17 - Attendance ~ 12 adults and 5 children • Picnics to continue and scheduled for: 30/4/17 and 30/7/17 (30/7 may also be TW Year 1) • No picnic on 29/10/17 due to Longest Lutheran Lunch • Church banner to improve visibility 	<input type="checkbox"/> FL to collect church banner from DR office before next picnic
3.4 Workshops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elevations Training: 18/3/16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • So far FL,KJ, KB & PM attending (need to register) • Church will pay • KJ liaising with Grow Ministries re other training opportunities 	<input type="checkbox"/> Encourage others to attend <input type="checkbox"/> Attendees to email Shane Kuhl who will complete registrations <input type="checkbox"/> KJ, FL & KB to liaise with each other and contact Rachael Schilling re holding a seminar as a Congregation Forum on CYFM on 23 April (or was it July??...as part of generations brunch)
3.5 Mainly Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update from DR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval expected next week • Scheduled to start on 20/4/17 	<input type="checkbox"/> Some type of celebration to be held at church by 23/4
4. Sunday School		
4.1 Roster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DR has completed and distributed SS roster for 2017 (last date 26/11/17) 	<input type="checkbox"/> Need further discussion on how to promote SS and how to remove barriers to families coming to Grace Church
4.2 Curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DR has completed and distributed Church and Kindergarten Christian curriculum for Term 1 2017 • KB highlighted that some of the children are ready for something targeted at older age group 	<input type="checkbox"/> KB to explore options for the older children
5. Cradle Roll		
5.1 Cradle Roll Update - Faith Trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-name to 'Faith Trail' • Nothing has progressed in this space • Is VH still interested in role...DR was going to touch base? • If VH involved in Cradle Roll would be beneficial to attend CYFM meetings • KJ has volunteered to team up with one of CYFM team members to take on this 	<input type="checkbox"/> FL to order Faith Trail Milestone resources <input type="checkbox"/> DR to talk with VH re interest in continuing with this project given that it going to be bigger than original concept. <input type="checkbox"/> FL & KJ to go through faith

	role if VH no longer interested.	trail resources once ordered and tease out what elements we may use...report back to CYFM team <input type="checkbox"/> Recruit additional people to work on this
6. Youth Group		
6.1 Youth Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is happening in this space? 	<input type="checkbox"/> PM to report back
7. Communication with Congregation		
7.1 CYFM Noticeboard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback - good reference point for families • Informed that font too small in some parts 	<input type="checkbox"/> FL to continue updating
7.2 FB page	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we see this being utilised • Currently: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who looks at it • Future possibilities: • Administrators: DR, FL, EG 	<input type="checkbox"/> Needs further discussion
8. CYFM Resources		
8.1 'Grow Together' Family Newsletters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Grow Together newsletter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was it well received? • Did we order too many/too few? • Was it distributed in the Grace Places? • Will we continue to order? • Were the church and SS flyers distributed with the newsletter? • Consider also including the 'Growing Faith at Home' resource and user guide 	<input type="checkbox"/> Continue to order - DR to please order for rest of year if possible <input type="checkbox"/> Give out at TW Year 6
8.2 Growing Faith at Home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is an underutilised resource • Strategies to improve utilisation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Periodically provide instruction to the congregation on how to use. DR did this last year... ? quarterly? • Distribute 'User guide' • Could PM make reference to elements of each week's 'Growing Faith at Home' in sermon? • Parent workshops on growing faith at home at the school - PM would like to explore further 	<input type="checkbox"/> User Guide and colour copies of GFH to be given out on TW days <input type="checkbox"/> Info should be sent to Bible Study leaders - will this be Elkes role? <input type="checkbox"/> FL to send resources to PM for together with Y3 <input type="checkbox"/>
8.3 Welcome packs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific family welcome pack <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grow together newsletter • Introduction to Growing faith home resource 	Not discussed

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthias Media tracts 	
8.4 CYFM Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider making CYFM resources available for loan (What's in the Bible DVD series, books, board games) • ? Library trolley for wheeling out under church verandah after worship 	Not discussed
8.5 CYFM Budget for Purchasing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No budget has been submitted for 2017/2018 • Budget items for consideration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New foam play mat for verandah area of church • Mainly Music • Grow Together Newsletters • Faith Trail Milestone Resources • Activity bag items (need revamping) 	<input type="checkbox"/> PM and DR informed that these items have been budgeted for and we can proceed to make purchases as required
9. General Business		
9.1 CYFM meeting dates for 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Danielles involvement in CYFM - to play a consultative role. • To plan a day CYFM meeting to work through agenda items that are overlooked each meeting due to time constraints. Determine goals/direction for 2017 and beyond. • 	<input type="checkbox"/> PM to check dates he is available for big meeting <input type="checkbox"/>
9.2 Distribution list for meetings and minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FL, PM, KB, DR, SH, RH, KJ, DD 	Not discussed
9.3 Bibles distributed to Primary School students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently NIV readers version at TWY3 • Discussion at Ministry Meeting on 1/2/17 possibility of having a younger reader's version given in prep (e.g. Jesus Storybook Bible) and an app given in Y4 (supported by instruction at school on how to use) 	<input type="checkbox"/> Not discussed <input type="checkbox"/> FL to liaise with TM
9.4 Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outside seating under verandah - none in shade. Utilised most by elderly and those with ailments/disability. Very hot. • Still not a family friendly environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No fence • Outdoor play area 	Not discussed
10. Next Meeting		
		<input type="checkbox"/> A Saturday meeting is to be scheduled with unlimited time to discuss all issues and put systems in place so that less meetings are necessary. Aim for 4 meetings per year after this. Determine CYFM

		goals and direction for 2017.
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