

Joel Team Meeting

Sunday, July 13, 2008

Attending

Pastor Naomi King (Presiding), Bill Church (Assisting), Terrie Scarboro (Recording), Chuck Tucker, Rich Downing, Walt Farris, Tom Temofonte, Laura Lever, Gordon Hale, and Don Nagel.

Members not attending: Angie Hawkins, Cindy Contillo, Bill Cheek, Donna Barnett

Opening

Pastor Naomi opened the group with prayer at 5:05 PM. She then read Ephesians 4:11-16. She then shared a modern day parable called the parable of the Train Tracks from a study called “Experiencing God” by Henry Blackaby.

At the close of our last session Pastor Naomi asked that everyone pray about the Joel team and write down what God was speaking to them. We then broke out into groups to talk about what God has said to us this week. We then came back together to share what was discussed individually

- Be open/explore all opportunities and understand all view points
- Make sure we have all the facts—we don’t have anything that we can’t handle. We have plenty of room in this building
- We have an opportunity to reach out and be about our mission—we have a responsibility to our pre-school. Be in cooperation and understand missions. Be good stewards about what we do.
- Be sure what we do is what Christ would have us do. We need to make sure we have all the data. Numbers don’t necessarily tell the story. We need to do this all together. We have continuity from the beginning of the church till now to help discern. Think long term and think big.

Pastor Naomi once again encouraged us to sit before the Lord and pray and read scripture. It will be very important to do this and come back and share what the Lord has said to us. She reiterated the task of what the Joel Team is to do. We have growth in our educational area, not necessarily in our worship. Envision how we can currently meet the needs of the growth as well as what God will continue to do in the future.

We then took out the discernment statements: She then volunteered persons to be responsible for each of the statements. A discussion began on the ministry use surveys of the current needs. Bill facilitated documenting the brainstorming time.

Questions: Space needed is dependent upon the number of people and activity needed at the moment in time. The activity must be considered and are these set in stone? Do we have space concerns but not activity concerns? Not necessarily. This coming school year has taken into consideration the activity needs for the coming year. Room set up, however, has an impact: i.e. move couches, chairs, etc.

What we have seen/read/heard/discerned...the Joel team should be able to do/act.

We need to consider storage space also.

As we consider the different activities—can adults change easier than children? We need to look at the needs of everyone including handicap accessible. Which groups need to be looked at to change first? Different groups may use the same space. Look at the 80/20 rule when considering.

Laura asked about the Children's ministry survey...asking about an additional room, and that she thought an additional room had been theorized?

Interference between one classroom and all others? Noise level. Don asked about sound proofing walls also. Noise is a concern when rotating between activities. Question presented as to whether we should have all children on 1st floor or all on 2nd floor, but not both.

To be able to make decisions, we need a way to see room needs on the actual plans. Suggestion was made to blow up the plan of the building and place the needs on the plan. Terrie will work up doing the plan on excel. Bill will do this on paper to use for next week.

Question asked about dividing rooms -make sure materials are on both sides of the room. Rich suggested that two large rooms become 4 year old rooms and Room 6 be the two year old room. (Reduce the number of 3 year olds. Chuck proposed a divider curtain..have one center room where they rotate into that. Is this the best stewardship of our resources? This would mean duplication on materials for each room.

Question..can we use what we have to make it work for this year? We also need to make a decision regarding the pre-school. There is an immediate issue for the pre-school. We need information from Ruth Ann and the pre-school board to be able to make decisions for immediate needs. We need this information before the next meeting.

We need to plan for adults as well as children (focus on new families).

The meeting adjourned at 6:25PM. Our next meeting is Sunday, July 20 from 5:30-6:45pm. You are welcome to bring a sandwich. Pastor Naomi will have lemonade available.

Respectfully Submitted: Terrie Scarboro