



ELCA Youth Ministry Network
Board of Director's Meeting
October 17-18, 2013
Hyatt Regency, St. Louis, Missouri

Present:

Erik Ullestad (Chairperson), Valerie Taylor Samuel, Julie Miller, Benjamin Morris, Jeremy Myers, Todd Buegler (ex-officio), Paul Amlin (ex-officio)

Absent:

Yvonne Steindal, Mike Ward

Thursday

1. The meeting opened with devotions
2. Review of Minutes
 - Julie moves to approve minutes
 - Valerie Seconds
 - Minutes were approved unanimously.
3. Director's Report
 - Todd presented the report of the Executive Director
 - The board had a deep discussion of Network Partnerships
 - The Executive Director's report was Report Accepted
4. The Network's budget process was discussed
5. The board discussed the status of the Thrivent Sustainability Grant
 - A. Discussion of the usage of the funds
 - B. Review of the process for Mike Ward taking the lead role on grant implementation
6. Paul Amlin gave an update from the Churchwide offices.
 - A. The board discussed giving an appreciation gift to the ELCA Youth Gathering staff in appreciation for all of their work.
 - B. Julie makes motion to give gift to gathering staff not to exceed \$120
 - 1) Ben Seconds
 - 2) Motion Passes Unanimously
7. Discussion of the Tom Hunstad Award
 - A. A list of nominations was created
8. The board adjourned for the evening

Friday

9. The meeting began with morning prayer
10. Nominating Committee
 - A. Julie Reports on Nominating committee
 - B. Extensive discussion took place on the nominating process
 - C. On behalf of the nominating committee, Julie moved that the board accept the slate of nominees. After much discussion Julie makes a motion to accept slate.
 - 1) Ben Seconds
 - 2) The motion unanimously carries.
 - 3) New board members are Sue Megrund and Tom Schwolert.
 - 4) Todd will notify Tom and Sue. Julie will notify those who were not on the slate
11. The Board reviewed the progress of our strategic plan.
 - A. Julie moved that silver and gold partnerships increase by \$85 and that each partner organization receive a Network membership to give to someone connected to (but not a staff member of, someone in leadership of) their organization. This will take effect following the 2014 Extravaganza
 - 1) Jeremy Seconds
 - 2) Motion passes unanimously
 - B. Discussion of the extensive membership initiatives took place.
 - 1) Jeremy moves that - the board empowers Todd to create a job description for a membership coordinator (title pending) based on the strategic plan. Salary range up to 5k annually and hire that person.
 - 2) The motion unanimously passes.
12. The Board took a lunch break
13. The board further discussed the Tom Hunstad Award.
 - A. A final nominee was voted on.
 - B. The award recipient was selected unanimously.
14. Further discussion of our meeting time at the Extravaganza took place.
15. Further discussion of Network partnerships took place
16. The meeting was adjourned and we closed in prayer

Respectfully Submitted
Ben Morris, Recorder

Upcoming Meetings Schedule

| Dates: | Location: |
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| October 17-19, 2013 | Hyatt; St. Louis |
| January 30-31, 2014 | Hyatt; St. Louis |
| April 27-29, 2014 | The Lutheran Center; Chicago |
| October, 23-25, 2014 | To be announced |
| January 29-30, 2015 | Marriott Renaissance Center; Detroit |
| April 26-28, 2015 | The Lutheran Center; Chicago |