

# RELATIONSHIPS TEAM MEETING – MINUTES

**March 05, 2025 7:45pm**

Team Member				Team Member				Guests
	P	A	E		P	A	E	
Mark Blakley (Elder)	X			Josh Lee	X			Sarah Sporrer
Therese Blakley	X			Ethan Funk (Elder)	X			Debbie Failing
Connie Sommer	X							
MM. – Chris Schupp	X							
WM. – Joanne King			X					

I. Opening Prayer –Mark opened in prayer

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes –

January minutes approved by email –there was no meeting in February due to weather

III. Review of Action Items

## IV. New Action Items

Recommendations/Plan of Action	Completion/ Follow-Up Due Date	Who is Responsible?
Get songs/videos for Feb. 19 <sup>th</sup> Family Fellowship Worship night	Done – Now scheduled for 3/19	Mark
Plan Bible Trivia Night for March 19 <sup>th</sup> Family Fellowship	This will be 4/23	Ethan and Chris
Plan April 23 <sup>rd</sup> panel for Family Fellowship – make this night a potluck night	No longer doing this	Therese
Ask an Abide leader to attend the next RT meeting – this should now be part of Discipleship	Done	Ethan

## V. Old Business

### 1. Lobby Area Upgrade plans

Sarah Sporrer (Beautification) and Debbie Failing (Coffee guru) attended our meeting to discuss options and requirements. Sarah presented the current color palette that is being used for all rooms on the premises. She said that our style is “old stone church” and we should continue with that theme. The upstairs lobby is fairly small and should not have a lot of furniture. We should not have furniture with fabric on it. We want to keep it simple and neutral – not trendy. Ethan also mentioned that the Rebranding team is working on a color palette. We all agreed that the green wallpaper on the pillars and in the lobby should be removed and the carpet be replaced. Josh thinks the floor tiles in the Sunday School hall look dated, but that would be very expensive to replace. We also discussed having some floor tile by the doors to help keep the carpet clean and we would still need some entry way mats. It was also noted that the upstairs lobby needs to be more formal than the Ministry Center Lobby.

Debbie talked about the coffee process. We need more space – it gets too crowded with traffic between 1<sup>st</sup> Service and Sunday School and the pillars restrict what we can do. Sarah had some drawings of cabinets that were designed several years ago. There is some discussion about trying a few different things with the table and also with the pillars and seeing what works best. Some built in cabinets could help with space and we also want to make this area usable for other events. Maybe add a couple of high-top tables for people to gather around. We also need a new Bunn coffee maker in Fellowship Hall Kitchen.

More discussion is needed on both topics and Mark will schedule a follow-up meeting for next steps.

### 2. Amos Property Vision Team – Initial meeting was held with new team. More discussion coming.

3. Family Fellowship – Due to several weather cancellations, the calendar has changed some. The worship night will be March 19<sup>th</sup> and the Trivia Night will be April 23<sup>rd</sup>. We need to encourage people to sign up – they have not been consistent since we started back up in January. We are off on March 26<sup>th</sup> for Spring Break. There is a Maundy Thursday service event on April 17<sup>th</sup> and no FF on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

4. Breakaway Update– Josh is overseeing the Carnival event this year. It will be on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> after 2<sup>nd</sup> Service. This will also be our annual Summer Picnic. Relationship Team is responsible for the food. Therese will share details with Josh on what was done last year for the carnival. We will again do hamburgers and hot dogs and have people bring sides and desserts. Connie will lead up the shopping and food preparation for the picnic.

## VI. New Business

1. How will Ash Wednesday be incorporated into FF? There was a short service in the Chapel at 8:00pm

2. Do we need an event for Spring quarter? We decided to have an all church Potluck after 2<sup>nd</sup> Service on Palm Sunday – April 13<sup>th</sup> and then an Easter Egg Hunt for Gashland members/attenders children up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We will divide the alphabet up for main dishes and sides and provide the dessert. We need around 6 large bags of candy – ask for donations. We also need to find/buy plastic eggs. Maybe have the youth group kids help hide the eggs during SS hour. See action items for more details

## VII. Reports –

- A. Abide – Ethan gave report. We discussed that this group should move under the Discipleship team. Josh and Ethan will handle the transition.
- B. The Women's ministry – Joanne sent minutes. Lenten event had around 57 women attend. A team of 12 women planned the event. Around the Table will happen in April.
- C. The Men's ministry - Chris gave report. Men's Retreat was a success. Had around 35 men attend. There are no plans to have a Men's Sunday School class this quarter.
- D. Primetimer group – Had our February potluck event. Around 45 people attended. The next event will be something during the Summer since there are many other activities going on right now.
- E. Family Fellowship – Next Fall may look different. May start in August and go until May. Still want a meal, but Josh has a vision to have Disciple Making Groups. We may also have 1 week a month be a team meeting night. Kid Zone and Middle School/High School groups will continue in the same format.
- F. Community Groups (CG) – this is still important, but not a priority right now. Josh wants to emphasize the Disciple Making Groups concept.

VIII. Adjourn - Mark motioned to adjourn and Ethan seconded. Josh closed the meeting in prayer.

## **IX. New Action Items**

<b>Recommendations/Plan of Action</b>	<b>Completion/ Follow-Up Due Date</b>	<b>Who is Responsible?</b>
Communicate to Mark Lancaster that his group will plan/serve the Maundy Service event		Connie
Plan Bible Trivia Night for April 23 <sup>rd</sup> Family Fellowship		Ethan and Chris
Plan March 19 <sup>th</sup> Worship night – finalize the videos		Mark
Talk to Discipleship team about taking over Abide		Ethan
Find/buy plastic eggs for Easter Egg Hunt		Mark and Connie
Communication/Announcements for Easter Egg Hunt		Therese
Check with Josiah to see if Youth groups can help with eggs on April 13 <sup>th</sup>		Ethan
See what lesson Children's Ministry is doing on Palm Sunday – does it tie in with Easter Egg Hunt		Josh
Reserve the Arvest Grill for summer picnic – June 8 <sup>th</sup>		Ethan
Plan menu/shopping for summer picnic		Connie

**Next Meeting Date**

April 2nd, 8:00 pm

Therese Blakley

Recording Secretary