

RELATIONSHIPS TEAM MEETING – MINUTES

January 22, 2025 7:45pm

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

I. Opening Prayer –Mark opened in prayer

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes –

November minutes approved by email –December 11th meeting was cancelled

III. Review of Action Items

Recommendations/Plan of Action	Completion/ Follow-Up Due Date	Who is Responsible?
Free Will Offering sign for Thanksgiving meal	Done	Mark
Add Josh Lee to relationships@gashland.org group	Done	Michael
Make list of people that should be visited for caroling	Done	Connie and Michael
Arrange for rides to Thanksgiving Meal	Done	Mark

IV. Old Business

1. Caroling- Recap

There were about 40 people to eat soup and about 27 went caroling. We had 2 groups of youth and 4 other groups. There was plenty of soup. 20 homes were visited by the carolers. We had hot chocolate and cookies back in the Ministry Center afterwards. Everyone who went really enjoyed it. We need to promote this more for next year. Maybe have Ethan make an announcement and talk about how much his kids enjoyed it. We may try to do a Sunday evening again, so that choir can come and we can start earlier. We also said that this is something all the Elders should do, so that they can get to know those in their groups that can't get out.

2. Thanksgiving Meal – Nov 13th. We had about 192 people present. Michael had lists of questions on each table to help with discussion after the meal. We should have put these out before the meal. People were dismissed by table and it took almost an hour to serve everyone. Some people left after the meal and did not stay around to talk.

3. Coffee Area Plans - \$25,996 has been set aside for Lobby Upgrade for the two main lobbies. Ethan moved that we start a update process for the lobbies and come up with ideas/concepts for new coffee bars, flooring, paint and changing/removing wallpaper. Motion was approved. We will come back with ideas for the March meeting and get estimates from Property by April meeting.

4. Amos Property Vision Team – Relationship Team needs to think about how our events and other activities would use this space. This includes Fall Fest, Summer Picnic, Drive-In, Mow Team, Concert area, Worship area, the Pavillion. We decided to table this discussion until the next meeting – bring ideas to February meeting.

V. New Business

1. Family Fellowship. Josh shared the calendar. We have 3 weeks that we need to have something other than the Sent class. Feb 19th will be a worship night using videos of Christian music. March 19th will be a Trivia night. April 16th there will be no meeting, since April 17th is Maundy Thursday. April 23rd will be an event – to be determined. Maybe a combined Primetimer/Abide event with a panel that answers questions?

Josh is teaching the "Sent" class in the chapel after the meal.

We are continuing with outside food for this semester and having each Elder take a week or 2 to help with setup. We may do something different next year.

2. Breakaway update. Josh is overseeing the Carnival event this year. It will be on Sunday, June 8th after 2nd 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.

3. Community Groups – Josh is excited to rekindle the Community Group concept. He has ideas of how to do this and add excitement and momentum to this effort. The RT was supportive of this effort and looks forward to Josh leading this effort.

VI. Reports –

- A. Abide – Ethan gave report. Leadership team did meet, but Ethan didn't have the details.
- B. The Women's ministry – Joanne gave the report. They are starting the 2nd Saturday Coffee back up to see how it goes. The Lenten Retreat will be March 1st at The Brim. Kristin Lee will be the speaker and is helping with the planning.
- C. The Men's ministry - Chris gave report. Men's Christmas dinner went well. Did a Ginger Bread House building event this year. The new leadership (Aaron Kleinmeyer and Barry Cooper) are planning 5 main events for the year. The first is an overnight retreat call Reset. It will be February 20-22nd. There was some discussion about outside requests to get men to help with chores/work that is needed at various places. This is not really part of the Men's Ministry team.
- D. Primetimer group – There will be a potluck on Feb 8th. The Primetimer Team is meeting to discuss what game will be played and the details of the night.
- E. Family Fellowship – It's been a struggle to get elders to sign up for 2nd semester. Mark will be addressing this problem this week.

VII. Adjourn - Joanne motioned to adjourn and Therese seconded

VIII. New Action Items

Recommendations/Plan of Action	Completion/ Follow-Up Due Date	Who is Responsible?
Get songs/videos for Feb. 19 th Family Fellowship Worship night		Mark
Plan Bible Trivia Night for March 19 th Family Fellowship		Ethan and Chris
Plan April 23 rd panel for Family Fellowship – make this night a potluck night		Therese
Ask an Abide leader to attend the next RT meeting		Ethan

Next Meeting Date

February 5th, 8:00 pm

Therese Blakley

Recording Secretary