

MOBILIZATION, Board of

Video Conference Call - February 26, 2015

Purpose: Be a resource to help people be transformed and mobilized on the mission of Christ.

A. MINISTRY REPORTS - Highlights/Plans/Actions

1. Missions- Paul
 - a. Coaching for small to mid-sized churches: Timing did not seem to connect with the churches interested so postponed coaching session and have reset for next spring. Also re-looking at marketing and pre-training for these churches. Finding new ways to inspire and connect with these churches to see value of being intentional with global missions.
 - b. Matthew Ellison (missions coach) still excited about making this happen
 - c. Faith E and Big Timber are both in coaching process with 16/15.
 - d. They want to encourage churches to take some "first steps" in order to connect with 16/15 coaching and that there are some conference dollars available to help.

2. Camping- Jeramy report
 - a. Students are in Costa Rica on a trip.
 - b. BMCM on 4th week with new Exec. Dir. Jim Neifert. Are looking for new ways to get word out in cost effective way. Also a lot of preparation for spring and, especially, summer schedule.
 - c. Looking for new ways to help camping ministry to thrive in our conference and connections outside of the conference.

3. Student ministry- Seth

4. Women's Ministry- Theo
 - a. Worked on mass email to communicate with women. Process is finished.
 - b. Pastors' Wives retreat almost ready and is being fine-tuned in order to minister to pastor's wives. Details are coming together.
 - c. Providing Bible studies in conference library: Are being patient in for budgetary issues to get ironed out in order to go forward.
***Feels good about where they are at, goals accomplished, and feel empowered in order to do so.

5. Discipleship- Steve Hamilton
 - a. Hope church: Came forward and helped them get some materials and training.
 - b. Columbus was helped in area of Christian Ed. as well.
 - c. Emphasized need to reach especially children (kids prior to 13 yrs of age) and noted a George Barna study.
 - d. Libraries and resources are still available conference wide and dollars still available for churches that might need some extra help or encouragement.
 - e. RightNow Media - potential for churches and possibility for help from the conference to help churches get membership and access.

6. Outreach- George Burgin

- a. Last Year - Most resources spent reacting to church outreach needs.
- b. Update on Butte campus - going well and growing faster than they seem to be able to keep up. Have grown from 50-180 (23 salvations). Recently moved into their new building that conference helped to renovate.
- c. George Burgin's philosophy: Every community is different. Everyone has a love language. Everyone has a core fear. Communities also have a core love language and a core fear. George is working with Butte as a "lab" connecting with these needs. Would like to bring training to other pastors and have them consider how this affects the churches we work in.

7. Prayer- Rod

B. DISCUSSION POINTS

1. George may need some money for training. Potentially could come from CE funds or another area.
2. We have developed list of key leaders in churches that specific ministries can connect with so that the information is not all going to the Lead Pastor.
 - Also want to let these leaders know about resources and helps on the conference level that can help and encourage them in their ministry areas, in order to help churches be for fruitful and effective.
3. Other ways/ideas to help people in the disciple-making process:
 - a. Discussion regarding regional overseers and how effective it is working
 - Should we increase the value of this in order to make it a priority for our pastors? How can we make it a more "attractive" time and a more effective time of growth/encouragement/connection.
 - Possibly need to look at some restructuring in regards to who is invited (senior leader only or others as well?), what needs should be addressed/covered, etc.
 - b. Sharing "success" stories in churches; could specify in areas (youth, outreach, global, etc). Celebrating stories in our churches not just in individual churches but also conference wide.
 - Is there a way to celebrate things we have helped resource in churches in order to encourage other churches in these areas??? Can we help create videos and help resource these things???