

Monthly Meeting Minutes Oct 19, 2009

Dear Brothers in Christ,

I would like to thank all 20 of you who came out to the Men's Ministry Fall Kickoff and Planning Meeting on Sunday, October 18th. Your input was very valuable in helping me plan our direction for 2009 and the first half of 2010.

At the meeting we discussed the following topics:

1. A review of last year's accomplishments.
2. Selecting a Spiritual Growth Study for 2009-2010. I had two for you to evaluate and any others you wanted to discuss with the group.
3. I need volunteers to serve on the Men's Ministry Leadership Team to help Plan and Lead the activities we choose for this year and next.
4. What will be the Format and frequency of our meetings this year?
5. How can we Serve Others on a more regular basis?
6. Other Activities or that you would like to discuss with the group?
7. General meeting, web site and retreat logistics.

Results of our discussion:

1. Last year we met on a monthly basis from September 2008 thru May 2009. We also went on a retreat to Estes Park for three days in January, 2009. At each meeting we averaged about 25 men in attendance. At our retreat we had about 40 men attend. I believe we enjoyed the fellowship and spiritual growth we had together. I personally enjoyed the interaction we had in the small group discussions after the DVD "Man of His Word – Calling Men to Integrity and Leadership". I got to know quite a few of you and hopefully I can develop a closer relationship with some of you in the future. I also hope some or all of you have started a relationship with some of your Christian Brothers at Family in Christ and we can expand upon that this year. Remember, the theme for the Men's Ministry is "**Brothers walking together, growing spiritually in Jesus Christ and offering wisdom and encouragement to each other, particularly in difficult times.**" Lastly, Brian Mapes and John Price started a serving others ministry that has helped several families at Family in Christ. I believe this is the single most important thing we can do as a Men's Ministry, "**Serve Others**".
2. We selected the Spiritual Growth Study Topic – "**Dare to be Uncommon: Discovering How to Impact Your World, Men's Bible Study, By Tony Dungy**". I have ordered the material and we will start this study at our next meeting on November, 15th. For more information on this study - see www.coachdungy.com.
3. Several men responded to help lead the small group discussion. Dave Rogers and Bob Handwerk will lead one group and Ron Boonstra and Dave Nelson will lead the other. I will contact the leaders as soon as I get the spiritual growth study material and set up a date to prepare for our next meeting.
4. We decided to stay with the same format and frequency of meetings as last year. We will meet every 3rd Sunday each month from 5:00 – 7:30pm. The meeting format will be 35 minutes of fellowship during dinner, 15 minutes for ministry updates and planning, 10 minutes of music, 30 minute spiritual growth study DVD presentation, 1 hour small group discussion.
5. We decided for now to develop a presentation with testimonies from parishioners who have used the Men's Ministry to create awareness at Family in Christ of our Serving Others Ministry to help those in need. I will contact Tony to get on the schedule for presentations that are played during the offering.
6. Dave Rogers and a volunteer to be named later will be working on putting together a few activities to do over the next 3 to 6 months. A few initial suggestions are; local day hikes, Red Cross 1st Aid Training, baseball game in the spring, hockey game this winter, etc. I will assist Dave until we get a volunteer to help him with this effort.
7. General meeting, web site and retreat logistics:
 - General Meeting:
 - a. The Dave, Bob, Terry and Phil Quartet will provide music at our monthly meetings.
 - b. We will have Chili at our next meeting to be provided by; Dave Rogers, Ron Boonstra, Bryan Mapes, Bob Handwerk and Steve Schmauderer. Some real men food.
 - c. The ministry budget supplied by Family in Christ is \$600. Extra money that is collected each month will be deposited on our account to be used for study material, scholarships for men to our retreat and other activities as you decide. We collected \$105 at our meeting this Sunday less \$72.53 for pizza. I will update you all on our budget each month.
 - Web Site:
 - a. I will update the web site once a month with the minutes from our meeting, schedule of activities and come up with a design for a virtual library of Christian Books to put up on the web site.
 - b. I will also create a tab for Men at Family in Christ needing work. David Gazinski a new member of the ministry asked me if I could let the men know in the ministry that he is out of work and what his skill set is. I think this is a way we can help others if possible in our church to network with other men who may know of an opportunity that might fit their skill set. If you know any men at Family in Christ that need work make sure they send me their profile so I can get it up on our web site? Use the format that Brian sent me in the attached profile.
 - Retreat Logistics:
 - a. We will hold our winter retreat at Estes Park from January 22 – 24, 2010 (Friday Evening thru Sunday Noon). I asked everyone to think of topics we should look at for Spiritual Growth at our retreat. Bring them with you to the next meeting.
 - b. We also need to create a presentation to advertise the retreat about 45 days prior. I have pictures from our last retreat to put in that presentation. Bring pictures to our next meeting if you also took some at the last retreat.
 - c. Chuck Hutchcraft volunteered to help with the food logistics for the meeting. I need another volunteer to assist Chuck with this effort.

I want to thank all of you again for supporting the Men's Ministry and hopefully I captured everything we discussed. If I missed anything, please let me know and I will add it to the porting of the minutes on our web site. I look forward to seeing all of you next month and hopefully a few more men will sign up to attend. Make sure you pass the word at the weekend services we will be doing a Tony Dungy study. I have an attached a flyer you can print out and give to men you would like to invite.

God's peace be with you all,

Steve Schmauderer

Attachments: Men Ministry Contact List 10-18-09, David Gazinski Bio, Tony Dungy Study Ad - Dare to be Uncommon