

Church Council Meeting Minutes  
August 8, 2019

The following people were present:

Bruce Boelter	Ramsee Gosney
Laura Broseghini	Matt Manning
Chip Case	Gavin McKelvey
Loretta Dudley	Kim Skattum
Angie Duran	Alex Stadler
Michele Gerbrandt	Ron Veatch

Visitor: Tiffany Dunn, Thornton Connections Director

We began the meeting with Matt introducing Tiffany and giving some background on what is happening with Connections at all three campuses. Doug Schmidt has been writing the curriculum for the Life Groups. Crossroads hired Tiffany as the Connections Director at Thornton. She flew to California to attend a conference on connecting church people. It was sponsored by North Coast Church and Larry Osborn, the author of Sticky Church. North Coast stresses relationships and 95% of their church members are in a life group. North Coast is a church of 10-12,000 people.

Tiffany began by stating that Crossroads is not a church with Life Groups but, instead, we are a church OF Life Groups. What she learned at the conference is that the best way to implement changes in groups is to not implement massive change all at once but to use a dripping approach instead. We will begin dripping information throughout the church- children's ministry, Sunday School classes, Sunday AM services, etc. about SN@C and other connections opportunities. Tiffany's approach is to love on the Life Group leaders so they can better love their families and group members. There will be three sessions of groups- fall, winter and spring. We'll take a break during the summer where other things will be offered such as Rooted, Deeper, etc. SN@C will start at Thornton this fall. It will be Sunday nights for 1 1/2 hours for ten week sessions. Doug and Tiffany will be meeting with the leaders to care for them so they can be the best leaders possible.

Matt raised the question of where Rooted fits in. We have reached a saturation point but many of the Rooted groups did not flow into Life Groups. Ft. Lupton hasn't had a Rooted group for three sessions and there is a man there who has been patiently waiting to do Rooted. The question now is whether or not Rooted should be required for membership. Some felt that being in a group, giving, being baptized, and serving is enough to be a member. We will discuss this at the next meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Send ideas and points of view on this topic to Gavin before the next meeting.

The next topic was the revamping of our website and app. Michele is in the process of doing these updates. The app is insider (already attending Crossroads) focused and the website is outsider focused. The app can be campus specific and the user can select to receive notifications such as student, emergency, children or adult notifications from the app.

There are buttons on the bottom of the app- media, connect, weekends, life groups, give, more (miscellaneous).

The website is geared towards a new person searching for information about Crossroads. Eventually, kids will be able to be checked in remotely from the website. See [northpoint.org](http://northpoint.org) for an example of a great website.

Chip distributed a handout and discussed the budget.

Matt distributed a copy of the first three chapters of the book You Are What You Love. He talked about our new approach to our liturgy.

ACTION ITEM: Read the three chapters and be ready to discuss them at the next meeting.

Gavin closed the meeting with prayer.