

FCEMF Meeting
July 7, 2015
Host: The Family

Welcome by Steve Nickel

In attendance: Tony Beach, Paul Cameron, Larry Creamer, Becky Deuel, Greg Dykstra, James Gerardon, John Kieffer, Lyndsey Kirk, Tami McLaughlin, John Mooney, Steve Nickel, Don Olm, Eric Omdal, Jeff Prewitt, Lynda Savage, Lee Smoll, Brenda Spina, Tim Webster, Shawn Whitworth

Thank you to several members of The Family staff for joining us for lunch.

Devotion - Paul Cameron

New t-shirts, pens, and recipe books of various artists' favorite recipes available for everyone.

Proverbs 4:1-4, 7

We each understand things better now than when we were younger.

Our understanding of Scripture and our relationship with Christ continues to change.

We are always in the getting mood. We need to "get" things.

In reality, we need to get understanding and wisdom more than we need stuff.

We are never done understanding. This book was written by the wisest man ever and he continued increasing his understanding.

Engaged in a discussion about wisdom, understanding, knowledge and the big picture. What "aha" moments have you had on this topic?

Business -

- Secretary's Report – We do have a host for the August meeting now.
- Treasurer's Report – \$29.00 collected this month.

- Next Month's Host: Thrivent - now a Christian organization. They will provide lunch and while we are eating, they will explain what they do, how to use their resources to advance our ministry.

- Lee Smoll: Have 70+ churches hosting MASA speakers. An additional 30 missionaries are scheduled to speak to people at EAA. Almost 100 homes are hosting people. After pieces of the puzzle are in place, the puzzle changes and things have to change and they go back to the drawing board. There is a team of almost a dozen people, each taking responsibility of different aspects of this event. None of them could do it by themselves, but they can do it together.
Opening event is scheduled at Plymouth Church on Sunday evening, July 19th. That is the night that the missionaries are fed by the Wisconsin natives.

- Tony Beach: Stronger Together Community Conversation on June 23rd went very well. Out of seven recommended themes, Early Childhood, Intergenerational Connections, Diversity and Inclusivity were selected for further action. Since that meeting, it has been determined that since they are so closely related, that they will try to weave these three together.

- Brenda Spina: Practical Family Living is offering some classes in September. Healthy Dating Relationships for Teenagers, Cultivate Your Marriage: Couple's Intensive (about getting back on track when you have gotten into unhealthy routines), and Being Human 101. Check these out at: <http://www.pfl.org/resources/events/>

- Paul Cameron:
 - Parenting Today's Teen – coming in September. More information next month.
 - Secret Keeper Crazy Girl Hair Tour – September 25, 2015, 6:30 – 9:30 PM at Pathways Church. Geared for teen girls and their moms. <http://secretkeepergirl.com/>
 - There is a possibility of bringing Joe Gibbs to present "Game Plan for Life". This is an event for people who don't know Jesus. Probably in October. More info later.
 - Check out <http://919.thefamily.net/The-Family-Promotion-10.php>. There is important information here from Alliance Defense Fund to help us ensure that we have policies in place to protect ourselves.

- Tim Webster: This is an important time to help students transition to college. They will contact students coming to Lawrence or the Tech. The big issue is transitioning. Students need to know their church is "sending" them, praying for them, writing to them. Students need the connection with their church - and with their parents. Thoughtfully consider what you need to do to let them know they are not gone and forgotten. Maybe have the youth pastor come to campus to see them.

- Lee Smoll: Pray for Lifest this week. MASA will be there with a table.

- Greg Dykstra: We need to keep an eye on our liability insurance, especially since the SCOTUS ruling. It is important that insurance companies know what they can do.

Closing prayer by Jeff Pruitt

Our next meeting will be at Riverview Gardens on August 4th.