

## Round Table Notes

1. Greeting- Sarah
  - a. Prayer & Devotional
    - i. Jailin Kaiser-Peterson!! (taken from [gracecalvarychapel.org](http://gracecalvarychapel.org))
    - ii. Lamentations 3:22-23 and 1 John 4:8
    - iii. So awesome is God's unending love & mercy & faithfulness
    - iv. Jailin Prayed :)
  
2. Upcoming events- fluid
  - a. Summer Orientation?? Possibly!
    - i. Sign up to help out with orientation tables to help recruit freshman (if you're staying in the Yoop this summer)
      1. CSE should decide by May if it's happening
  - b. May 1- physical distancing graduation party on the NMU academic lawn?
    - i. Park in Lot 29
    - ii. Seniors distance selves but walk across as people cheer
  
3. SWOT analysis
  - a. Strengths
    - i. Community groups- high attendance, good participation, productive
      1. New Monday group became a success
      2. Helped to plug in new people
    - ii. COVID response- we adapted and kept meeting, also learned a lot
      1. Virtual aspect of meetings may be useful in the future! They were successful
      2. Strengthens bonds during hard time
    - iii. Reaching out to new people- strong response to meet newcomers
      1. New people got plugged in right away
      2. Welcome week went really well and brought new people in
        - a. Was well-planned and well-organized
      3. Continually connecting
    - iv. Spring break trips were successful
      1. Reached many people
      2. Water filters is a great method in Guatemala
        - a. Guatemala had many open hearts
        - b. Good timing- schools closed just after they finished
      3. Mission trips are all about Win Build Send
      4. Florida had small group, but it worked well
    - v. Fall retreat was very impactful for building friendships
      1. Spring retreat went well considering the situation
        - a. Relatively high attendance
        - b. Worship and workshops worked out well
        - c. Q&A with Hershey was awesome

- vi. Combination of NMU and Tech for Thursdays was good idea
  - 1. Bonding, refreshing
  - 2. Breakout sessions with new people were good
- b. Weaknesses
  - i. Not many people on Florida trip... (Could be for all trips not just FL)
    - 1. Find someone to intentionally encourage people to go
    - 2. Promote spring break trips EARLIER for more time for raising support (maybe even in the early fall)
  - ii. Overly large community groups not great for conversations
  - iii. Worship team is kind of small
    - 1. be intentional about inviting people onto the team, a lot of seniors are leaving! Lots of pressure on the few people on the team
  - iv. Lot of frequent Cru attenders stopped coming to meetings because of the virtual meetings
  - v. Need to reach out to freshman as early as possible
  - vi. COVID-19 was a bummer.
    - 1. Planning ahead will NEED to happen!
- c. Opportunities for outreach
  - i. Recruiting freshman over the summer and in august
    - 1. Through Summer Orientation and Welcome Weekend
      - a. Orientation is currently ONLINE- we need to come up with a new idea for inviting freshmen!
      - b. Welcome weekend is not decided yet
    - 2. Have Cru student leaders
  - ii. Fall Retreat- great opportunity for CONNECTING with people!
  - iii. Social media needs to be even stronger (Alee)
  - iv. Using surveys to see where people want to serve- encourage *participation*
  - v. Welcome weekend
    - 1. Should we plan things for the second week of school?
      - a. Canoe trip is the third week
    - 2. Welcome bags
  - vi. Next semester, CONNECTIONS will be important
  - vii. Move-in weekend will be VITAL for people to meet people and connect with freshmen!
    - 1. Help people carry things? Show people around? Help people move in?
    - 2. Get in the dining hall to connect to people
      - a. Maybe local students or seniors advertise a "ask me questions about marquette" so people know where to go and what to do here
  - viii. Moving Cru t-shirt orders to the fall so freshman can see them and possibly get some (Kaitlyn will update people)?

1. Zach has connections thru his dad for promotional material!
  2. Dave is thinking of using a plain Cru logo shirt that the staff would pay for for the freshman
  3. What about hats for advertising cru?
    - a. Picking out hats takes more time, price is similar, embroidery is more expensive than printing
  4. What about bandanas? They're cheap
    - a. Buffs?
  5. Dave will make decisions about the promotional material
    - a. Input from Zach and Kaitlyn
- d. The future (not threats)
- i. Summer orientation- is ONLINE as of now
    1. How will we meet people to invite them to things?
    2. Alee is staff so she will listen in for opportunities for clubs to connect to students
  - ii. Welcome week opportunities to step up and lead an activity!
    1. Welcome back bonfire (generally is also Roundtable 0)
    2. Sugarloaf hike
    3. Welcome picnic
    4. Capture the flag in Academic square
    5. Labor Day AuTrain Canoe trip
      - a. Grab someone you don't know to make friends!
    6. First meeting
    7. First community groups
      - a. Should the C-groups organize some of these events? (group effort, delegations and sharing, may be higher attendance)
        - i. The night you have is the night you plan?
        - ii. Wednesday could make an event too to have one
      - b. Currently have Matt, Bryce, Karsten; Alee, and Abigail continuing to lead (looking for one more girl)
    8. Freshman picnic
    9. Maybe we could have a game night in the Lodge, or lawn games on the Mall
      - a. Inside events have higher attendance in the winter- go outside?
  - iii. Next year might limit to 50 people in a gathering
    1. If so, staff will step out
    2. Community groups will be EVEN More Important
      - a. Should we make another community group on Thursdays to give people another option?
      - b. What if 808 becomes an extended worship time, and teaching primarily happens in community groups?

- iv. Reaching people in the dorms- can we put things in mailboxes, or slip under doors? Would have to ask
  - 1. Use the dining hall, pass out flyers?
  - 2. Go into the dining hall for those who have the meal plan, talk to people and make relationships, welcome freshmen
- v. Staff could send pamphlets to churches in Michigan, Wisconsin, where people are coming from?
  - 1. Connects to students who are already looking for christian groups in college
    - a. Maybe should send email for more cost effectiveness?
  - 2. Students who have home churches here can make announcements in their churches?
    - a. Or we could put up Cru posters
- vi. Fill out Dave's survey to gauge your interests and see where you should serve!!!!!!!!!!
  - 1. Plenty of places to help out
    - a. 808 planning
    - b. Prayer team
    - c. **WORSHIP**
    - d. Slides/Sound
    - e. CG (need one more girl)
    - f. Men's/Women's ministry
    - g. Communications
    - h. Socials
  - 2. We should send it out again early August so people know what their weeks will look like
- vii. Fall Retreat in the first weekend of October

#### 4. FINAL COMMENTS

- a. Susan- she's heard students say they've seen lots of posters and banner, keep these up. Students help put them up!
  - i. Not sure when campus is reopening
  - ii. Need new posters printed- should we change the design? No, we like it and not-new people might recognize it again
- b. ROOM FOR NEXT SEMESTER: Founders Room. A couple dates are unavailable
  - i. Rebekah will contact CSE to ask for Peninsula 2 for replacement nights
- c. Welcome bags-keep doing them
  - i. What about the content? Send suggestions to Dave
- d. Some people should wait by old rooms and dorms to walk with people to the Northern Center
- e. Alee suggests putting candy on welcome table outside room
- f. For men's retreat, Zach's grandpa has a cabin on Lake Superior with wifi and he's willing to let Cru use it

5. Big ideas people like:
  - a. Bryce- likes community groups planning activities
    - i. Abigail agrees- then there's a touch-person for each thing, which is good
  - b. Jailin- Cru people helping people move in is good, those people will be memorable
  - c. Zach- likes the idea of C-groups being main teaching time, Thursday nights being extended worship
  - d. Karsten- likes having a day during welcome week for playing lawn games, gets people involved
  - e. Ari- being in the Lodge and lobby areas and having a visible presence on campus is good
  - f. Alee- agrees about community groups leading something during welcome week, she's excited for c-groups
    - i. Jared- agrees that community groups are going well
  - g. Jebekah- likes how we're trying to adapt and being proactive about new situations
  - h. Sarah- likes the idea of having a presence on campus during move-in, good time to reach out to new people
  - i. Mieche- loves c-group leaders leading welcome weekend; likes the idea of putting more energy into social media; likes having Cru people on campus to help freshman figure out Marquette
    - i. Suggests that we all pray this summer to connect to freshmen
  - j. Susan- student leaders and returning students should be empowered to take initiative to reach freshman
  - k. Kaitlyn- excited for c-group leading welcome week activities also; excited to reconnect with each other, excited for bonfires
  - l. Dave- t-shirts, hats, bandanas, and sandwich boards (that he pays for)
6. Thanks Sarah for leading!
  - a. Ari prays us out :)

**NEXT ROUNDTABLE:**

**Welcome Bonfire- Roundtable 0 <3**