

NMU Cru Roundtable Meeting Notes: By Mia

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Highlights:

- Bringing new people every week to the meetings,
- Fallfest and Snowfest.
- Retreats were really fun and encouraged people to keep coming back.
- Encouraging to see people always reaching out to those who were maybe interested in coming.
- We also discussed how more people started coming when we changed location probably because it was closer to the dorms/campus.
- One other highlight was seeing people take steps of faith and it encouraged others to do the same.
- It was also helpful to have multiple activities during the week to give people options on what days to come.

Lowlights / Things to Do Better:

- We talked about how it can be kind of intimidating to show up to 808 alone because there are so many people that you don't know.
- We should try to do more casual hangouts during the week to meet new people and to get to know other people better who maybe we don't talk to as often.
- We need more activities at the beginning of the year because there were a lot of freshmen this year who had nothing to do the first few days on campus before school and then had too much to do in the first week of school and that was overwhelming.
- We also talked about how we can address some of these issues.
- Ideas: intramural sports, bigger social media presence, post activities on the Hub, a weekly dining court casual meet up, and personal invites to activities.
- NMU Welcome Crew – have Cru members help.

Build:

- It was amazing to have a Christian community that always offered support.
- Dan Flynn and Dan Trepod were both amazing speakers and they impacted a lot of people's lives.
- Encouraging to see people take steps of faith. Helped to start a 'leapfrog' effect of making everyone in Cru a more inspired person to challenge themselves and take steps of faith.
- Discipleship helped so many students and it also benefited the discipler as much, if not more as the person being disciplined.
- Winter conference was awesome, although we should try to get more people to come because it is funner with more people from the same school that you go to.

Improvements?

- We should start announcing when you are going to share the Bible on campus because not everyone can go at the same time every week because of classes.
- We should also try to have more communication in Group Me.

Send:

- How can we all stay active in the Christian community over the summer?
- How can we stay motivated during the summer?
- I'm not sure we answered these questions, but the overall message is to remember that God will send us all to specific places over the summer to share and grow in our faith.
- Bring friends back to Cru! Consider a mission trip and think of it as an investment in your faith.

Planning for Fall 2022:

*It is much easier to impact a freshman life than a junior. There are going to be 1500 new impressionable people here on campus and the job is to reach as many as possible.

- It was a split decision between separating men's and women's for bible study and keeping the group as a whole.
- We just need more leaders for leading a Life Group.
- The decision as of now is that we find leaders and let them decide how to set up Life Groups. That decision will be discussed with staff and leaders I think...
- Ministry Team were discussed - I wasn't sure who exactly was on each team. There were just ideas about who wanted to lead it but you (Jared) said that you didn't have all of the results from the google form sorted out. Lots of volunteers.
- Ministry Teams: 808 Planning, Outreach, Prayer, socials, Life Groups, Praise Team

Fall Events:

- Welcome back bonfire- Sunday
- Freshman Picnic
- Fall Fest- that is a couple of weeks into the semester. "VERY helpful"- people at Roundtable
- First 3 day events- Sugarloaf hike, capture the flag, game night.
- We should use the Yurt again!
- Labor Day Canoe Trip- Find leaders who may be interested
- Surveys- Outreach to freshman and connection cards
- Fall Retreat- September 30th- October 2nd

Hope these notes are okay! The wolf doesn't mean anything, I just like it and wanted to put it on the notes. Mia (Dave M helped reformat these notes. Thanks Mia!!)



Have a Great Day!