

v2: Request for ACTS Campus Ministry Use of MX Facilities

From: M Bret Blackford (bret_blackford@yahoo.com)

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Cc: jmcglawn@mcknightcrossings.org; i.am.ross.brown@gmail.com; jkryder@mcknightcrossings.org

Date: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at 11:05 AM CDT

As mentioned earlier, the M1Bank meeting facility previously used by the ACTS Campus Ministry will no longer be available. Katie Holloway, the ACTS Campus Minister, is seeking a space for the weekly Friday dinner and devotional and has inquired if McKnight might be able to provide a suitable location.

This request was discussed by the MX staff and leadership on Aug. 5, and all agree it would be a mutually beneficial arrangement to find a space for ACTS at the McKnight building.

Ideally, Katie would like to use the large classroom on the 4th floor. She proposes to outfit the room to accommodate the college students, with all costs being covered by the ACTS budget. The classroom or possibly the large 4th floor meeting room would also be used for meals. The ACTS group will be responsible for cleaning up after themselves, and any damage to the carpeting will be covered by the ACTS budget. If the 4th floor is used for food instead of the cafeteria/gym, the sink on the 4th floor will need to be updated, which will also be at ACTS's expense.

During the Elder meeting last night, it was agreed that providing space for ACTS at the MX building would be acceptable. The 4th floor classroom would be outfitted by ACTS but would remain available for other uses when ACTS is not meeting. ACTS will have priority for that space, and others who use it will need to clean and return it to its original setup.

Please let me know if I've misstated anything or if you have any concerns about this arrangement. I plan to contact Katie Holloway later this week to inform her of the availability of the 4th floor space.

--- Bret

On Thursday, **July 25, 2024** at 02:53:26 PM CDT, **M Bret Blackford** <bret_blackford@yahoo.com> wrote:

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Additionally, ACTS would like to request the use of the main meeting area on the 4th floor for our Friday meals. This would be limited to Fridays, and ACTS will handle all set-up and clean-up.

Background:

The ACTS Campus Ministry has recently lost access to the facility used for our Friday night meals and devotionals. During the summer, meetings are held at the home of Katie and Trevor Hollaway, but with the start of the new school year next month, we will need a larger space for our Friday events.

While we are exploring other long-term solutions, we hope to claim the 4th floor classroom as our home for the 2024-25 school year. (McKnight can repurpose the prior College classroom, the old Boundless room, as this will not be needed)

Thank you for considering our request. We believe this arrangement will greatly benefit our ministry and the students we serve.

--- Ron Orick and Bret Blackford

Re: Request for ACTS Campus Ministry Use of MX Facilities

From: Elizabeth McPherson (emcpherson@mcknightcrossings.org)

To: dave-n-amy-weiler@juno.com

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Date: Monday, July 29, 2024 at 01:07 PM CDT

I would concur with Dave that having a full on meal served every Friday over a carpeted area is of great concern to me, as one who manages the cleaning staff and stresses over the upkeep and condition of the building. Keeping the meal portion of the evening contained to the Kitchen/Gym area makes more sense.

As far as the "red classroom" goes, *currently* the classroom is not being utilized, although it has typically been a designated classroom for the children's ministry. So we would need to flush out whether there were any plans for that space--(thank you Kaylynn for mentioning what you heard from Steve Haupt and Jeff McGlawn).

If it were to become a designated comfortable gathering space for the ACTS group every Friday night, it would be nice if that space was made available to other ministries as well (e.g., Ladies Bible Study, McGlawn small group, CFS, showers, etc.), so it could serve a multitude of ministries throughout the week. That I could see as a Win-Win situation. 😊

Sounds like a good topic for the Elders' meeting next week.

--Elizabeth

On Thu, Jul 25, 2024 at 4:22 PM dave-n-amy-weiler@juno.com <dave-n-amy-weiler@juno.com> wrote:

Hello Bret and Ron:

I want to explore your request deeper as we search for the best solution.

My primary concern from your description is the request to have the meals on the 4th floor as well.

Although that space has been used for food at times, it is typically simple snacks or finger foods like for a shower or wake.

Feeding up to 50 ACTS students a full meal seems like an entirely different scale that could be problematic. I'd advocate that we use our kitchen and gym for the meal so that preparation and cleanup is much easier for the volunteers, and the risk of stains from spillage is dramatically reduced (not only during the meal but also when transporting the prepared food from the kitchen to the 4th floor).

Another thought to consider is for you to take a look at the "cafe" that Nathan has created off the gym as the meeting place for ACTS after the ACTS meal. I don't know if it is large enough to accommodate a large ACTS Friday night attendance or not. Keep in mind that the cafe room could be completely reworked for ACTS priority in layout and furnishings, and it might then still meet Nathan's occasional needs for the Teens. The Teens already have the "canteen" next door as well, so how each of those two spaces is utilized by the teens and when they use each is not quite clear to me.

I'm thankful for the McKnight building to be a solution for ACTS' needs during the coming school year. Let's keep brainstorming to find the best options for how to accomplish that.

Dave

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Elizabeth McPherson
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Re: : Request for ACTS Campus Ministry Use of MX Facilities

From: Nathan Strickland (nstrickland@mcknightcrossings.org)

To: bret_blackford@yahoo.com

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Date: Friday, August 2, 2024 at 01:50 PM CDT

Bret,

I'm okay with ACTS using the Canteen. I'm even okay with them using the Cafe, which already has a mini fridge, but would be hesitant to make any big modifications to the room. Knowing the size of the group, I know they wouldn't even all fit in the Cafe.

I think the 4th floor would be a perfect space for ACTS as well. I think if they kept food in the Red Room, they should be allowed to eat up there. They are college students, so I suspect they can stay pretty clean. I also understand accidents happen, but they can clean up too.

These are my thoughts. Thanks!

On Wed, Jul 31, 2024 at 9:37 AM M Bret Blackford <bret_blackford@yahoo.com> wrote:

Nathan,

Ron Orick and I are trying to find a place for ACTS to meet on Fridays.

Would you be agreeable to having ACTS use the Canteen on Fridays, with the expectation that they cleanup and put everything back in its place. Also, can ACTS use the room next to the Canteen as a more permanent space that they can modify and possibly add a small fridge?

Just looking at possibilities. Based on your thoughts and feedback Ron and I will get back to Katie Holloway and get her thoughts on options. We are also considering the large classroom on the 4th floor but we don't want food up there so Katie might find a room off the kitchen and gym more useful for ACTS.

Anyway, let me know your thoughts or if we should discuss further.

--- Bret & Ron

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Blessings,