

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY TEAM MINUTES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009, 6:00 p.m., Genesis Room

### I. Opening

- A. Prayer, Frances Via; Next Meeting, Kim Robbins
- B. Present were Kim Robbins, Kathy Lorenz, Josh Raglin, Allison Bond, Lloyd Schiller, Frances Via, Becky Ford, Mary Smart, Kari Goforth. Absent were Gail Hyatt, Robin Legare, Jennifer Gordon, Cate Carroll, Brandi von Dohlen.
- C. Chair's Remarks: No representative was sent to Chairs Meeting, which took place before our meeting. Becky Ford will represent us at Chairs Meeting on August 6. Our team will meet July 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM, because of the summer activities that need monitoring. Josh will take the minutes, in Frances' absence.

### II. Open Forum

It was decided, to forego the previously considered summer family activities, because Programs Team has some similar activities already in the works.

### III. Reports

- A. Please see Kari's Youth Report attached
- B. Sunday School Report:

Gail is still working towards putting a lockbox in the Lanneau kitchen so that each Sunday morning, the brown classroom envelopes can be put in there until being retrieved by the EIC. The overall system for collecting and safeguarding these envelopes was discussed, with no clear resolution. There was also some discussion about the fact that some classes prefer to have the church put their individual weekly class collection into a separate account, earmarked for that class, so that the class can use the funds they accumulate, for the class's designated (often charitable) purpose.

### IV. Subcommittee / Event Reports

#### A. Library

Mary Reminded us of the Used Book Sale on Sunday, September 27, in Lanneau Hall. Used books are being solicited from the congregation, and such an announcement will be put in an upcoming bulletin and in The Chronicles. Josh and Lloyd will help transport the books when setting up for the sale. Other set-up volunteers are also needed.

It was suggested that CE might consider sending a representative to each Library Committee meeting.

We will be putting a "blurb" in an upcoming Sunday School classroom announcement sheet, that borrowers from the Library or Library cart need to be diligent about returning the book(s) on time.

The Library Committee asks for a list of fall SS curriculum, so that appropriate books can be made available on the Library cart on Rally Day.

Kim will provide a list of all catalogued books, so that it can be updated and maintained by the committee.

#### B. JoyKids

Kim reported that they finished with a bang. Approximately 25 children regularly attended, though this number is lower than when JoyKids took place on Sunday evenings. We will evaluate Sunday vs. Wednesday, for this fall. More volunteer teachers are still needed, and Kim will start to recruit teachers in early August.

- C. VBS – Registrations are coming in and are due **this Sunday**. Volunteers are also still needed as well as camping supplies. Contact VBS director Kristi Selander about assisting. VBS setup will occur on June 27<sup>th</sup>; intergenerational Sunday School will therefore occur on June 28<sup>th</sup>. The overall theme will tie in with the VBS curriculum.

#### D. Men's Bible Study

Josh reported that the next gathering will be on Wednesday, June 10, 2009, at 6:30 a.m., at Atlanta Bread Company. They will meet every Wednesday for eight weeks (same time and location). They will be studying the book of Nehemiah which recounts the mission of a godly man whose life is a model of servant leadership.

## **V. Old Business**

### **A. Playground Fundraiser**

We have found a West Ashley company to engrave the wooden slats. Kim or Becky will get a sample from them ASAP, for use in our fundraising campaign. 15-20 slats have been ordered so far (the engraver will do them in batches of 20-30 slats). We plan an all-out effort, using our irresistible SS children in the campaign. We will promote our campaign this Sunday morning during the informal "coffee hour" before SS., and will try for a Minute for Missions spot this Sunday, also. We will ask Session for approval to order the playground equipment since they will not be meeting in July. We need to allow time for shipping and installation by our target date of Rally Day (Aug. 23).

### **B. Nursery Positions**

The position will be advertised for one more week (totaling 3 weeks running). Kari has contacted the applicants and interviews will begin June 11. Becky will arrange for volunteers for the next 2 Sundays.

### **C. The new nursery pager system is up and running.**

### **D. Bibles were given out to all SS children who have completed 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades. Beginning this year on Rally Day, and every one thereafter, Bibles will be presented to all rising 3<sup>rd</sup> graders.**

### **E. Teacher Recognition went well on Sunday, May 17. All seemed to enjoy the coffee and donuts. "Thank you" to Becky and Allison and Kim, who spearheaded the event! For next year, we need to specifically contact all SS teachers and invite them to the event.**

## **VI. New Business**

### **A. Summer Sunday School**

The summer session begins June 14 and runs for 10 weeks. Children's classes will use Lifeway's "Boomerang Express: It All Comes Back to Jesus". We still need some summer Sunday School volunteer teachers, but Becky has been working to arrange for proper teacher coverage. June 28 will be an intergenerational Sunday School experience, because some of the adult and children's classrooms will have been set up for Bible School, which begins that afternoon.

### **B. Fall Sunday School teacher recruitment is starting, and we will have more details in July.**

### **C. CE Information Via E-mail**

We discussed using that format occasionally to notify the congregation about particular issues (like our youth fundraiser). We noted the pros and cons and decided try it once (this week) and to discuss with Mike the possibility of those e-mails going out from time to time. It's a way to keep the congregation current about happenings around the church

## **VII. Dates to Remember**

- June 14 - VBS registrations due; Children's Summer Sunday School begins.
- June 28 – Intergenerational SS Experience; VBS begins
- July 2 - VBS program
- July 7 - CE ministry team meeting at 6 PM
- August 23 – RALLY DAY!
- August 29 – S.T.E.P.S., Mt. Pleasant Church
- September 27 – Library Book Sale

## **VIII. Session Approval**

Request approval for ordering the playground equipment, estimated cost is not to exceed \$9,000. We would like to place the order in early July so we can have the equipment install completed by Rally Day on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **IX. Closing Payer offered by Kim. (Next month: Brandi) Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 7, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., in the Genesis Room.**