

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY TEAM

MINUTES for Tuesday, August 4, 2009

6:00 p.m., Genesis Classroom

I. Opening

- A. Opening Prayer offered by Kim Robbins; Next month (September) Brandi Von Dohlen
- B. Present were Kim Robbins, Kathy Lorenz, Josh Raglin, Brandi Von Dohlen, Frances Via. Absent were Gail Hyatt, Robin Legare, Jennifer Gordon, Lloyd Schiller, Becky Ford, Cate Carroll, Mary Smart. (Kari Goforth and Allison Bond were at a High School mission project.)
- C. Brandi Von Dohlen volunteered to take Becky Ford's place as our representative to this month's Chairs Meeting, August 6, 2009, at 6:30 p.m., in the Genesis Classroom.

II. Open Forum (There were no new questions or concerns)

III. Reports

- A. Kari's Youth Report was not available, but she will e-mail it to Team members.
- B. Gail was not present to give a Sunday School Superintendent's Report, but Kim stated that Gail continues to collect the SS offering envelopes from the classrooms. We have discussed this before, so it was decided that each adult classroom will be responsible for taking its own envelope over to the sanctuary and placing it in an offering plate. We discussed the role of the SS Superintendent and whether this position is still needed. The discussion was tabled until after the new Associate Pastor is on board, so that we can seek his input.
- C. Subcommittee / Event Reports:
 1. Library – Mary was not available to give her report; but we were reminded to remember the Used Book Sale which will take place on Sunday, September 27, in Lanneau Hall.
 2. JoyKids – Kim stated that JoyKids will start in conjunction with Youth on Sunday evenings in the fall, from 5:00 until 6:15 p.m. Kim will continue recruiting volunteer teachers and present them for approval via e-mail when the list is complete. We discussed Children's Choir and will talk to Music/Worship Team about having it on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
 3. VBS Wrap-up: Kristi Selander, VBS Director, has been out of town, so no final figures and evaluations are available just yet. It was noted that all receipts for VBS purchases should be turned in, so that we might get an accurate accounting of VBS costs.
 4. Men's Bible Study – Josh was excited to report that an average of 8-9 men have been attending the Wednesday morning sessions over the past 8 weeks. Eleven men are presently enrolled. A new study will begin on August 12, exploring the Book of Ezra. They will continue to meet each Wednesday morning 6:30-7:15 AM at the Atlanta Bread Company.
 5. WNL – The fall session will begin September 16, with a Pot Luck Supper. Study classes begin September 30, with several offerings being considered. A planning meeting (Chaired by Bo Hamilton) will take place on August 12, and Frances Via will represent CE. Fall WNL will conclude on November 18 with a talent show.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Playground Fund – We have 65 pickets ordered. They are currently being engraved. We will request from Session permission to initiate a Penny Drive for the children to bring in coins to go towards the fund. The money would be collected in the children's SS classes from August 23 through September 20. We also plan to challenge each Ministry Team to purchase a picket with a sizable donation. Our target date for playground completion has been pushed out to October 18, Scottish Heritage Sunday.
- B. Nursery Staff – Both nursery positions have been filled. Please stop by and introduce yourself. We will post a brief bio of each employee outside the nursery door, so that parents and other church members can offer a friendly "Hello" by name!
- C. The CE portion of the Manual of Operations has been completed and submitted.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Summer Sunday School Volunteers – We went over the roster and discussed classroom coverage for the rest of the summer. Kim reminded us that next year we need to start the summer teacher recruitment earlier, perhaps April. She also suggested that we e-mail each Sunday's teachers on the prior Wednesday, and then give them a reminder call on Saturday.
- B. Fall Sunday School Teacher Recruitment – We have started this process, and still need teachers in several classes. Curriculum is basically on track, with only one class still undecided. At the August 15 Session Retreat, we will need to present our list of proposed teachers and class curriculum for approval.
- C. Rally Day – Kari has decided on a theme: "SS!: Sunday School Investigators." She will e-mail us about a date for the planning meeting. The Rally Day Subcommittee is working on details.
- D. CE Work Day – Sunday, August 9, immediately following the late service. Kari will provide lunch. All CE members are

strongly encouraged to be there to help get classrooms/supplies ready for Rally Day and the new SS year. We discussed ordering shelves and storage bins for the supply room. Josh has some ideas and will look into it ASAP.

VI. DATES TO REMEMBER

- CE WORK DAY – Sunday, August 9, 2009, 12:16 p.m.
- RALLY DAY: Sunday, August 23, 2009 – 10:00 a.m. in the gym
- S.T.E.P.S. – August 29, 2009, Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church
- WNL Start-up for Fall – Wednesday, September 16, 2009, Gym, Covered Dish
- Library Used Book Sale – September 27, 2009, Lanneau Hall

VII. SESSION APPROVAL

Penny Drive for children to bring in pocket change for the Playground Fund (drive to run from Sunday, August 23, through Sunday, September 20, 2009)

(We are also challenging the other Ministry Teams to purchase a picket, and to purchase it with a generous donation to the Playground Fund!)

VIII. CLOSING

- A. Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 1, 2009, 6:00 p.m., Genesis Classroom
- B. Closing Prayer offered by Brandi Von Dohlen. Next month, Kathy Lorenz

Respectfully submitted by Frances Via, August 5, 2009.