

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY TEAM

Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, October 6, 2009

6:00 p.m., Genesis Classroom

I. Opening

- A. Opening prayer was offered by Gail Hyatt.
- B. Present were Kim Robbins, Josh Raglin, Brandi Von Dohlen, Mary Smart, Gail Hyatt, Becky Ford, Kari Goforth, Lamar Carney, Frances Via. Absent were Kathy Lorenz, Jennifer Gordon, Robin Legare, Cate Carroll. (Jennifer Gordon has informed the Team that she is taking a graduate class that meets on Tuesdays, so that will limit her participation at meetings until the class has been completed. Also, Lloyd Schiller has recently resigned from the Team to pursue other ministries.)

II. Open Forum (There were no new questions at this time.)

III. Old Business

- A. Kim reported that the playground equipment has been ordered and is due for delivery on October 12. Prior to the delivery, some preparation will be necessary, such as removing part of the fencing and moving some existing play equipment. 125 new fence pickets are ready. We discussed the mechanics of spreading the new ground cover and coordinating with PropertyTeam to facilitate the fence installation.
- B. Kari and Kim reported on plans to complete the nursery workers' bios and photos, so that they can be mounted outside the Nursery doors. They also reported that we have received the resignation of one of our Nursery staff; and plans are underway to advertise and fill the position as soon as possible.
- C. CE budget for 2010: We have submitted our "asking budget" to the Finance Team, but we are "on hold" until all the congregation pledges are in and Finance can begin the process of preparing the budget for next year.

IV. New Business

- A. CE Team Member Recruitment: We discussed the necessity of recruiting new members for our Team. It was suggested that persons be recruited with the idea of a 3-year commitment in mind. Josh will pursue getting a new rep from Faith and Reasoning Class, to replace Lloyd. He will also ask Robin if she will be able to continue with us, given Hank's medical situation. We discussed other sources of "new blood" and the concept of seeking out persons who are not overcommitted to other activities, and who show a real interest in CE.
- B. We discussed the new commission created at the last Session meeting. The task force will function for a designated period of time, to take an in-depth look at our committees and ministry teams, with the possibility of restructuring our organization in areas where that is needed. The idea would be to focus on things that we are doing well and consider most important, and perhaps move away from other activities, all the while holding each activity up against our mission statement to test its value. Josh suggests that our representative should be an outgoing or prior CE elder. We will take up this discussion at November's meeting and are charged with the responsibility of thinking about it in the mean time, and bringing ideas to the next meeting.
- C. Annual Report: LRP needs CE's 2010 goals by mid November. We reviewed our 2009 goals, making appropriate adjustments for the coming year. We focused on an analysis of curriculum to see if there are gaps in our overall goals for achievement, particularly in the children's and youth classes. We also want to make sure that we are giving the Bible basics to new comers, not just assuming that they have well-founded Bible knowledge. Our goals for 2010 will be:
 - Assess and develop a strategic plan for CE, specific to the curriculum used
 - Educate our congregation about opportunities for service in the CE arena, and encourage everyone's involvement in CE activities in some way
 - Grow the young adult ministry within our congregation
- D. Budget expenditures for 2009: We have funds remaining in each category, but some of those funds are allocated and will be used by the end of the year. But with careful spending this year, we may still have the funds to purchase some much-needed AV equipment for classrooms and the nursery. We also voted to donate funds for the dinner to honor Jim Moore's service to our church, per Session request. We will designate \$200 from Special Events. We tabled for further research the request from Evangelism to provide \$350 for curriculum for Harvest Home ministry. There was the question that the church may already have curriculum that would be suitable, without purchasing more.
- E. Acolyte Training (Kari): The Worship Team requested one SS hour for the teaching/training, to include all children in 1st through 5th grades, though not all of them have signed up to become acolytes. It was decided that Oct., 18, Scottish Heritage Sunday, would be an opportune time for this "Acolyte Education" class, because of the irregular format that the Sunday School hour would be taking that day. This plan will be communicated to Christi Harley, who will teach the class in the sanctuary that morning, and to all SS teachers, via the SS announcement sheet.
- F. Kari provided the Team with a list of all current SS teachers, and the curriculum being used in classes.

V. Sub-Committees / Reports

- A. Lamar reported that the sub-committee to facilitate the proposed Young Adult Sunday School Class will meet next Thursday, October 15, at 6:30 p.m. The class will be designed to meet the needs of the 18 to 35 age group.
- B. Youth Report (Please read Kari's report, which is attached.)
- C. Library: June Agnew will be the new contact person between CE and the Library. She has told us that the Used Book Sale raised \$500, and would like to know of specific items that might be purchased for the Library.
- D. JoyKids (Kim and Kari): They said we are having an *Excellent* year so far. They are getting very good help with food and other volunteering opportunities, and the program is well set up. New families are getting involved. The possibility of a fund-raiser spaghetti dinner was raised.

VI. CE Dates to Remember:

Easter Egg Hunts, Saturday, April 3, 2010 (10:00 a.m. for Children; 8:00 p.m. Glow Hunt for youth)

VII. Closing

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 3, at 6:00 p.m., in the Genesis Classroom.

Kim Robbins offered our closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Frances Via