

Christian Ed Committee Meeting

January 11th, 2015 Start Time: 12:40 p.m. End Time: 2:15 p.m.

Present: Erika Fechtner, Johann Sonntag, Arden Kinser, Rob Woodard

Absent: Debbie Skinner, Brian Means

The meeting opened with prayer at 12:40p.m.

Meeting Agenda & Notes:

- Update on VBS
 - New Curriculum was ordered & just now received. Brian will review & prep ("Weird Science")
 - Erika will check with Brian to verify if he needs anything at this time
- Update on Child Protection Policy program
 - A recap of our understanding & questions on the policy were passed on to Elders... we had been awaiting some feedback.
 - Johann will check with Brian to see if any responses were given
 - We requested permission to delegate the task of record keeping of personal records (i.e. background checks, interviews, etc.) be assigned to the Church Secretary. It was agreed that this was the most logical. CE will still be responsible to establish a review cycle & reminder to keep the records maintained for any new personnel, but the Church Secretary will keep these records on file.
 - Rob & Arden encouraged CE team to work towards keeping things simple, but setup the program as best-fit for C.G's needs
 - Johann agreed to take responsibility to organize the program for CE group & get things ready to review & present to the Elders & rest of the church.
- Sunday School Schedule
 - Erika has released the new schedule
 - Erika will check with Ruth Peter to see if she would like to continue teaching on the last Sunday of each month; her response will get relayed to the church office
 - Trying to verify if we have any current curriculum here
 - Johann will check with Brian to see if the curriculum has been ordered
- CE Binder / Calendar of Events
 - We will re-engage preparations of a binder that will help keep record of critical dates/events that must be coordinated throughout the year
 - Erika has asked Elders to pray for CE for continued direction & leading for the next steps for our members
 - Johann will revise the Calendar that was previously presented & bring it to the next CE Meeting
 - Rob offered to facilitate a meeting to establish more goals & outline more direction going forward
 - Arden added that the additional visibility of our group will allow others to participate more, to join in & add to the group
- Annual Goal
 - We are working to implement more opportunity for intergenerational interactions. Bringing kids into the sermon more, introducing a new kid each week to the congregation, establishment of a 'home' for the kids to be able to showcase their works, setup of a Calendar of Events to promote attendance & engagement in the activities of the kids during the week.
 - Erika has championed this effort by asking the Elders for permission to present a new kid each week during announcements, & requesting a dedicated space for the kids to hang their artwork.
 - Rob & Arden suggested that we get Parental permission to release any photos of the kids that we have taken or are presenting

- CE group will continue efforts to advance this concept within the congregation... including an effort to bring Teachers/parents together to collaborate ideas on how to best support each other & different methods of teaching & activities
 - Erika will begin the Presentations of the kids to the congregation
- Sunday School Supplies
 - It was noticed that we are running low on some regular craft supplies used in Children's Sunday School.
 - Erika volunteered to spend time going thru the supplies & making a list of items that we need re-stocked.
- Next regularly scheduled meeting: 02/08/15.
- Meeting closed at 2:15 p.m.