**Christian Education Meeting**

**11/26/17**

**Attendees:**

X Johann Sonntag

Gretchen Roberts

X Beth Means

X Shelly Johnson

| Item | Topic | Discussion | Participant |
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| 1 | Open in prayer |  | All |
| 2 | Children’s Church  Children’s Church: Safety | 1. **Review of children’s church schedule**   **Openings:**     1. **Children’s performance**   Antshillvania  Little Tree  Custom performance  Christmas/Easter/Fall?   1. **Youth Helpers**   Discussion around guidelines/sign-ups/scheduling of youth helpers  Discussion around messaging/framing of guidelines  Discussion around possible gaps in Sunday service for youth   1. **Safety**   Concerns about isolation of portables without safety mechanism in place. | Johann volunteered to cover December 3. Beth and Shelly will cover December 24.  Will continue discussion. Group discussed using a favorite play from years past to foster interest from congregation.  Plan to include youth leaders in discussion  Will invite Rob and Toni to January meeting  Team recommends instructors lock the doors when all children have gathered for class. Shelly will explore adding safety measures with church leadership |
| 3 | Budget | Budget was approved for 2018  Graduation Bibles  Discussion around other options for college grads who may already have personal Bibles | Discussion around stewardship with this year’s resources  Rebecca received a grad Bible with a misspelling in the personalized portion. It was requested on several occasions that she bring the original back for an exchange. Because this connection cannot seem to be made, the group approves gifting her with a gift card to the Christian book store. |
| 4 | Atmosphere | Discussed clip shown in the service about hunting for the baby Jesus from the nativity scene. Team members would like to be of service in injecting joy, passion and a sense of adventure within the congregation | Shelly will ask Arden about including an activity like this within the message for all to enjoy |
| 5 | Faith and Practice Statement | Reviewed faith and practice statement update from last business meeting | Team members reminded each other that as questions arise in the future about leaders/topics/curriculum, we are equipped with a clear faith and practice statement |

Action items for future meetings:

Invigte youth leaders for discussion about youth in Sunday service

Plan opportunities for trainings including during and after church

Discuss children’s performance

Plan recognition for volunteers

**Next meeting: January 28th after church**