**Christian Education Meeting**

**3/4/18**

**Attendees:**

X Johann Sonntag

X Beth Means

X Shelly Johnson

Christian Education’s goal is to create multiple opportunities for faith-understanding interactions, emphasizing inter-generational and one-on- one formats. The intention is, in the long term, to create a self-sustaining, driven sense within the congregation to (1) seek a personal relationship with God, (2) become well-versed in the faith and able to support and defend a Christian worldview, and (3) grow in their knowledge of the Bible and the essentials of the faith.

| Item | Topic | Discussion | Participant |
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| 1 | Open in prayer |  | All |
| 2 | Approve last meeting minutes from 1/28/18 | Approved | All |
| 3 | Review membership | Beth and Shelly will continue to serve as members of the CE committee and Johann will end his years of service on this committee in June. Communication has been spread to the nominating committee via Gretchen and Sandi. | All |
| 4 | Grad Sunday is coming in May | Tasks:  Choose a Sunday in May  Get a list of Graduates  Get an announcement out to add grads to the list  So far, we have Kim, Peyton and Autumn on the list  Confirmation of name spelling and Bible ordering will come after we have a list. | Offering the 13th or 27th as possibilities  Shelly e-mailed Arden and Bonnie to request confirmation of date and request an announcement calling for a list of graduates |
| 3 | Children’s Church | 1. Blessing for the children 2. Security lock   On rounding, teachers are locking the door behind them.   1. Releasing 6th graders and above back to service   Problem has been self-resolved with the call for children to come up to be blessed before releasing them to children’s church.   1. Closing of Children’s Church 2. Children’s church Schedule   Shelly will take March 11th and all of April. Beth will take May 13th. Shelly will take May 20th.  Need to recruit for June. | The act of assigning an owner each Sunday is not sustainable. Motion to move toward a volunteer basis- Shelly will go up with the children during March and April to make the transition smooth, then hand this intro task over to worship teams.  Shelly will communicate with church office about details.  CE leadership will continue to round with teachers to be sure this is happening  Ruth Peter requests we close with a reading of 2 Corinthians 13:14. Shelly will begin that next week and will communicate that with teachers.  E-mail recruitment for June will be done by shelly, followed by April announcement if no volunteerism secured. |
| 3 | **Children’s performance- Easter 2019/Christmas 2018?** | Little Tree  Custom performance  Christmas/Easter/Fall? | Egg hunt for this year? Team members approve.  Shelly will be teaching and will do an egg hunt- Shelly will add an announcement welcoming filled eggs to be dropped off at the church office.  Shelly has ordered music samples for Easter 2019 for us to look at. |
| 4 | VBS | Beth would like to recruit for a VBS director. | Announcement has been posted with no volunteerism so far. If no volunteer by April, we can look at a list of other community churches who are offering VBS.  Beth volunteers to reach out to the community to get an idea of area programs. |
| 5 | Recognition of volunteers | Discussion around recognition happening right before call to congregation for summer/VBS help  -Plants  -Flowers  -Gift cards | Who is being recognized?  Helpers from:  Children’s church  Nursery  Adult Sunday School  Thank you cards and a carnation handed out by the children?  Per Johann, it usually falls near Mother’s Day, sometime in May.  Discussion around moving this to November around Thanksgiving. |

Action items for future meetings:

Camp scholarships- ask Gretchen about what’s involved

Plan opportunities for trainings including during and after church

Plan recognition for volunteers

**Next meeting: April 1**

**Communication Tool**

1.       Idea – this can come from anyone, and should go to the appropriate forum and to recommend moving to phase 2

2.       Brainstorm – designated team meets to brainstorm feasibility, including any constraints and timeline

3.       Discussion/Dialogue – open group forum for all impacted team members to review scope

4.       Decision/Vote – process set to determine moving forward and agreed upon by consensus, majority or authority decision

5.       Implementation – action items; the how, when, process, practice, communication