**Christian Education Meeting**

**7/30/2017**

**Attendees:**

X Johann Sonntag

Gretchen Roberts

X Beth Means

X Shelly Johnson

| Item | Topic | Discussion | Participant/Follow Up |
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| 1 | Open in prayer | Minutes from previous meeting approved | Shelly/Beth |
| 2 | Review Mission Statement  Team Member Roles | **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.  Reviewed roles, meetings will be scheduled monthly and cancelled if no content. | All  Accomplishments: Sharrie Speakman and Sandi Carner were able to shadow children’s churc in action. Other church members in this generational group have expressed interest in interacting with the children.  Action item: Find ways to support and defend a Christian worldview and enhance relationships with each other and Christ outside of the traditional Sunday service.  Beth: new clerk. Team leader, ensures things don’t get forgotten between meetings, keeps group on track to meet goals  Shelly: recording clerk. Ensures info is saved and communicated, take and send minutes to team, Arden, Rob and Tami  Other members: Johann and Gretchen |
| 3  4  5 | Reflect on Accomplishments  Review Directives  Next goals: | Child Safe Training  Recruiting  Training new recruits  Graduation Sunday  VBS  The Education Committee … initiates and supervises the education of children, youth, and adults. Its concerns include Sunday school, day school, Friends Youth, vacation Bible school, clubs, camping and retreats, and the church library. With subcommittees or individuals appointed for special areas, the Committee carries these responsibilities:   1. Coordinate church education ministries, to avoid overlap and conflict either in schedule or personnel, and provide leadership training. 2. Appoint personnel involved in these ministries and nominate to the church the general superintendent of the Sunday school. 3. Cooperate with the elders in calling and appointing youth ministers or directors. 4. Select suitable curricula for all educational activities, using approved Yearly Meeting or Evangelical Friends International programs. 5. Recommend improvements in physical facilities and equipment. 6. Make sure that Friends beliefs are understood and taught. 7. Provide for nursery care and children’s worship. 8. Encourage the youth of the church to attend a Friends school or college; admonish all, especially those who attend secular schools, to maintain a consistent Christian witness. 9. Promote individual and church support for the schools sponsored by Northwest Yearly Meeting, such as George Fox University and local church-sponsored schools such as Greenleaf Friends Academy. 10. Encourage members to participate in local school organizations.   Recruit volunteers for Sept-Dec for children’s church  Offer training shadow sessions during children’s church, session after church? With lunch provide? Will explore  Provide an announcement- status report for business meeting and to the church  Recognize childrens church volunteers by kids serving them/giving them a flower, serving them tea | Major accomplishment – all volunteers are current thanks to Sandi Wooley’s efforts  Children’s church schedule- need volunteers for September – Dec. Beth, Johann and Shelly will connect with church members to get volunteers.  Action item: schedule volunteers for Sept-Dec.  Training went well with Sandi Carner, Janet Kinser and Sharrie Speakman- will add them to schedule this week.  Beth will take first Sunday in Sept and will be happy to train more voluneers. Shelly will reach out to Stephanie Goodman and train her on the new curriculum.  Complete. A success per Johann. There was a misspelling on Rebekah Skinner’s name, but Johann did confirm once, and will order a new Bible. Next year we’ll confirm spelling with the graduates.  Johann also recommends ordering the amount +2 as one is always used.  Creation and decorating days went well. The first one had minimal participation, but the second day had a such a good turnout that the next decorating day could be cancelled. Church members responded positively about helping decorate. About 25 students arrived each night. Higher than previous years.  Next year: Beth will take next year off – if VBS is to occur next year, we will need a new director.  Action items:  -Reach out to Rob and Toni to offer support and assess needs with youth group.  -Regular meetings- tentatively to occur on the 4th Sunday of every month  We recommend the stewards consider a budget for a playground structure.  Nursery care- Shelly will reach out to Bonnie and Rob to assess need for nursery support  Consider futher actions on that, collaborate with youth, explore scholarships.  Explore in future meetings.  Announcement:  Beth will make a slide  Committee members will submit childhood pictures for fun.  Remind people of the members  Annuncement about volunteers, recognize volunteers with applause  Our accomplishments:  Grad Sunday  VBS  New Curriculum  Volunteerism  Needs: Calling for Sept-Dec CC volunteers, New VBS director  Offer shadow opportunities |

Immediate action items:

* Fill children’s church teacher spots from Sept-Dec: Johann, Beth and Shelly will communicate with congregation in person to recruit.
* Announcement: See #5. Beth will add our photos to existing slides. Will plan an announcement for August. Shelly will present.
* Training: Shelly has reached out to Steph Goodman (August volunteer), Janet, Sandi and Lauralea to offer guidance on the new curriculum.
* Action items for future meetings:
* Plan opportunities for trainings including during and after church
* Plan recognition for volunteers
* Find ways to support and defend a Christian worldview and enhance relationships with each other and Christ outside of the traditional Sunday service.

Curriculum:

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