

Education Team Minutes

August 7, 2016

Attending: Heidi Flower, Christa Zaldivar, Susan Thayer, Chris Kingsbury, Eleanor Riker, Carolyn Brown, Laura Taylor, Tim Krauss, Pastor Kim

Christa gave an opening prayer.

Sunday School

- Staff – Chris K, Carolyn B, Laura T, Susan T, Eleanor R have agreed to be teachers. Christa will seek at least 3 others to provide for 2 teachers each week on a rotating basis. Vicki Budney unfortunately will be having knee surgery and will be unable to participate. As she recovers, she might be able to help out.
- Curriculum- Christa has sent for the new Deep Blue curriculum. Everyone seemed very pleased with the format of the program. She also has materials for Nursery age children as well as older students. The one room approach will continue for this year.
- Rally Day – Sept 18 – we will use ideas from Deep Blue curriculum for Rally Day activities, followed by a Pot Luck lunch. Anyone available to set up for this can help on Sept 17th.
- Sunday School Mission was discussed and all seemed agreeable to have shut-in contact as a project for this year.

Nursery

- Staffing – progress about searching for finding staff for the nursery was shared from Staff Parish Relations Committee.
 - Suggestion to advertise at places that offer Early Childhood certification, such as Tunxis Community College, where students might need to fulfill service requirements.
 - Chris spoke of the need to be sure the windows were tightly shut and locked. If they are not, birds (and bugs) have a way of getting in! This should be added to the procedure instructions list.
- Cleaning and sorting of toys - Date set for Aug 21 after worship. Anyone is welcome to help!

Website

- Update and ongoing information – many ideas were shared. *(I can't remember who will be sharing these with Jeanette)*

VBS recap

- Again a very successful VBS, at least 35 kids attending and 22 adult helpers! Christa will share this for next Tower, expressing thanks to all that helped.
- Next year's title: Hero Central

Family offerings – lots of suggestions!

- Advent coloring – kids will create cards for shut-ins (to be delivered on Caroling Sunday), adult coloring activity will be held with possible Advent theme. Tim Krauss will be in charge. To take place on Friday, December 2nd, 6:30 – 7:30.
- Other suggestions: Make your own pizza night, Family Dance Night (February), Movie Night (March)- to be discussed at next meeting.
- Block Party – to be discussed at next meeting.

Fall calendar and events:

- September 18 – with setup on Sept 17 - Rally Day
- October 30 - Trick or Treat for UNICEF
- November 20 – Bible Sunday and Turkey Trot Canned Good Drive
- December 2 – Advent Coloring Night – we need a better title!
- December 11 – Children’s Christmas pageant
- December 18 – Caroling to Shut-ins

Next Meeting – September 11, 2016

Agenda items: Confirmation Class, MYF, Adult Bible study (Tim and Pastor Kim), Block Party, Babysitting – Parent’s Night Out