

## Faith Formation Minutes

September 10, 2018

**Members (Present in bold): Kathryn Campbell (Staff), Megan Chandler, Mary Jane Conger, Kathryn McCrary, Cindy Lee (Staff), Susan Porter, Ginger Walton**

Opening Prayer/Blessing – Kathryn C.

1. **Constellations Update** – Ginger reported the Kickoff Sunday Town Hall went well with about 25 people attending. Frances Gallagher has agreed to co-facilitate the Sunday 9:00 am small group with 16 signed up so far. Cathy Ingram expressed interest in a small group for the choir – possibly 30 minutes prior to practice and Connie Fowler has picked Thursday evening around choir time. Kathryn M. has agreed to help with a group at River Landing and Gaye Brown is interested in one as well. Kathryn C. could potentially help and tie in time for pastoral care. The small groups will be using the book/video titled, “Soul Keeping” and it is nice that Mary Jane has several titles by the same author. Also mentioned at the town hall was the idea of young family mentoring which was well received.
2. **Faith Formation Newsflash** – For now, emails will go to individual groups (Youth families, SpyKids Families, etc.) and include all-church activities so information is more specific. The link to the website will be included as much as possible.
3. **Report from Mary Jane: Waking Up White** is coming up on Monday, September 17. Kathryn C. will put it in the bulletin so people will know when to meet in order to ride together. First Presbyterian has asked for people to be seated at 7:30 pm so our group will leave around 6:30 pm. Per Mary Jane, all books have gone out, come back, and most went back out again. Discussions have been good with about 15 coming on Thursday. Ginger was impressed with the way First Pres has handled the Facebook page.

The next One Church, One Book will be picking up after **Waking Up White. The Story** starts back today and the library has ordered twenty new books which people thought would be good additions.

4. **Report from Cindy:** Cindy had 4 at Grade 3-5 Sunday school on Kickoff Sunday. They discussed the milestones they will learn as well as service ideas. She will teach the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month and Susan Preston will do the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Their class will meet from 9-9:45 am in room 204 (with 10 potential attendees), Morning Enrichment (previously VIP's) for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and under will meet from 9-9:45 and grades K-2 and preschool will meet during worship for Children's Church. Grades 3-5 will also get together the first Sunday evening of the month at the same time as youth group for SpyKids.  
Breakfast on the Playground is changing its name to Kids Time Quarterly. There will be some BOP time, but some months will meet for breakfast and a craft or other activity.  
Advent Workshop will be an all-church event on December 1<sup>st</sup> with a separate parents' morning out at a different time.  
Children's Bibles are in and will be presented TBD in order to give families notice.

5. **Report from Kathryn C:** There are potentially 8 for confirmation class. There will be an informational meeting after worship on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. PCUSA has a new confirmation curriculum. Kathryn has done a different program each year she has led the class. Wonderful Wednesday starts next week. Kathryn suggested a series based on the movie, "Won't You Be My Neighbor," but is also interested in using this for the all-church retreat. Susan suggested Fellowship Committee members who had an interest in fellowship-type programming for this session so Kathryn will look into "The Gospel According to Mr. Rogers" for the fall retreat.
  
6. **Sunday Breakfast:** Kathryn gave a brief history that prior to 2016, she would put out bagels on Sunday mornings. As she went on sabbatical, Ray Mims asked 4 couples to take over breakfast one Sunday a month. The Dowlers have resigned as of August 26<sup>th</sup> and asked that guidelines, including the purpose of breakfast, how many, food suggestions, etc. be sent to those taking over. Susan shared her thoughts that while some in the congregation may need the meal, the time for fellowship is just as important. Susan will write something for the newsletter to request someone to take over the Dowlers' slot.

Next meeting: October 14<sup>th</sup> after worship

Closing Prayer: Susan