

## Faith Formation Minutes

March 10, 2019

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

**Opening Prayer:** Susan Porter

1. **Lenten Small Group** – Started this week at both River Landing and at the 9 am Sunday School hour. Mary Jane taught the Sunday group this morning and used the curriculum **Restored – Finding Redemption in Our Mess**. The subject is the juxtaposition of human sin and God's love and saving grace. The first class started off with a lot reflection and thoughtful discussion. Will be a good study for Lent.
2. **Committee Goals:** We discussed two goals for Faith Formation. 1) Increasing participation of members who attend a study – related activity at least once a month (Sunday School, Youth Group, Confirmation, Presbyterian Women, The Story or other Bible study series, One Church/One Book, Men's Faith Exploration, and Guinness and the Good News) and 2) Increase leadership and volunteers for committee activities (Sunday School, VBS, members of Faith Formation). K-2 Sunday School may be during study hour next year to allow teachers the opportunity to still attend worship which may increase interest. Kathryn M is thinking of a different name for Children's Church.
3. **Spring Festival (April 20):** We need volunteers for inflatables, fellowship hall activities, Stations of the Cross, and egg hunt. Kathryn C will send a request to help recruit. The Stations of the Cross in the sanctuary will be adapted for very young children this year. Kathryn C will see about getting Youth involved again. Request for candy donations will be in newsletter and bulletin with a deadline of April 7<sup>th</sup> in order to have time for egg stuffing. New Starmount welcome info will be available from Evangelism and Membership with Becky Deakins and Elaine Gustafson at Festival to answer questions. Kathryn C has lined up Porterhouse food truck who will be making child-sized items for the menu this year. She is working on a second truck.
4. **Sunday Morning Breakfast:** Kathryn proposed a "Breakfast Parameters" info sheet so there are guidelines for those who may be interested in helping with Sunday morning breakfast. These will be given to those interested in helping with breakfast. Kathryn C will have available at the next session meeting. The committee decided \$25 would be the reimbursable amount per Sunday. This money comes from the CE Supplies and Expenses line item in the budget.
5. **Budget:** Finance has worked to highlight designated funds for each committee so these may be used as part of the budget and not just continue to sit. \$2400 of the \$2582 available was distributed amongst the line items in the Faith Formation budget.

6. **Mary Jane Update:** In addition to the Lenten Sunday School class report, Mary Jane reported most are unable to come to One Church/One Book on Wednesdays, but the books get checked out. She will look into a "Book Lunch" potentially following worship one Sunday. The new group for The Story will include Peggy Smith, Frances Gallagher, Carollynn Campbell, Carol Carpenter and Lila Tunstall and will meet on Sundays from 4-5 pm. Mary Jane has spent all the library money from her gift and really appreciated it.
  
7. **Cindy Report:** (Via email) Children's Church/Sunday School - average number 8. Spy Kids on Feb. did a service project with big kids (mana bags). In March - we made God ties us together pillows. April activity will be a World Mission Project working with SPY which is being funded by the Mission Committee. She is starting to work on Spring Festival. Lent - Fish boxes/ One Hour of Sharing went out today( March 10)

Next meeting will be April 7 after worship to allow for Spring Festival planning

Closing Prayer: Kathryn Campbell