

Faith Formation Minutes

May 6, 2019

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

Opening Prayer: Susan Porter

April minutes approved by consensus.

Summer Sunday School/Small Groups: Kathryn has submitted a newsletter article informing everyone there will be no Sunday School or breakfast during the summer. Lemonade on the porch will begin Memorial Day weekend and will include cookies. There will be a blessing of the backpacks prior to school starting and fall programming will begin on kickoff Sunday, September 8th (which is grandparents' day). Nursery, Preschool, and K-2nd grade will continue during worship through the summer using the new Veggie Tales as curriculum.

VBS will be August 5-8 from 9 am -12 pm. Registration forms will be online by the end of the week. Cindy found shirts for under \$5 and CD's for \$3.89 each.

Spring Festival wrap-up: The bracelets were helpful in keeping up with numbers (108 attendees). Next year, if egg hunt is on the playground it might be helpful to have two age groups in two different areas and to go around the building instead of through to get to it. Kathryn mentioned Avis went to a hunt where the kids collected empty eggs and then turned them in for a prize bag which also including information about the organization. A spread sheet has been created with information of families who might want more information about the church and/or preschool. The Journey to the Cross needs to be simplified and Kathryn C suggested there might be "Captains" for each area of the Festival next year (Cross, Egg Hunt, Games, etc).

Youth Fund and Hood Scholarship information went out in the newsletter with a late May deadline. Kathryn C will locate the application so it is available as students ask.

Kathryn C Update: Adult Education: Ginger and Jim Fisher have been leading discussions in adult small group for the past 2 Sundays, and will conclude this series on Sunday, May 19th. Kathryn C will send information to Bob to see if choir is interested in a small group for next year. Ginger will poll the current Sunday group to see if there is interest in "Coffee and Conversation" during Sunday school time this summer. Kathryn M told us her pastor in WV had a Sunday news article chat about how it related to faith each week. Another pastor had a talk back time about sermons after worship. Good suggestions as we think about options in addition to video based curriculum.

Cindy Update: The annual Kickball Game at the Johnson's will be held on June 2nd at 4:30. Church will provide burgers and hot dogs. Families will bring sides and dessert. Other dates on the calendar: Spy Kids pool party on 6/23 and a youth pool party after VBS for those who help. Also, Laura and Cindy are working on a lock-in for rising 6th graders. Cindy will inquire of preschool families to see if there is interest in a parenting small group.

Mary Jane update: New recommendation bookmarks have been created that will be placed in the books on the cart. They will have a place for the name of the reader and adjectives to circle which describe the book so you can see who has read something you might be interested in. She also put together a ballot with next year's One Church, One Book suggestions. The ballot went out via email to anyone who has ever attended.

Next Meeting: Sunday, June 9th following worship in Room 319

Closing Prayer: Kathryn C