

Faith Formation Minutes

September 26, 2019

Members Present (In Bold): Fred Campbell, Kathryn Campbell, Mary Jane Conger, Cindy Lee, Kathryn McCrary, Susan Porter, Ginger Walton

Opening Prayer: Susan Porter

1. **Welcome** to new member Fred Campbell.
2. **Library Report:** Mary Jane stated the library is going well. The financials show \$500 left in the budget, but it is really more like \$200 and will zero out by the end of the year. There have been lots of kids in the library. **One Church, One Book** has been a small group, but good discussions. 3 for Tuesday night and 5 for Wednesday afternoon. The group meets every other month and **One City, One Book** is every other year. **The Story** will finish the last Sunday in October. Mary Jane would be interested in doing it again if a group came together like this one.
3. **Dessert and Discussion:** Attendance between 20-30 with lots of positive feedback. We received two ideas for future topics - 1. The five areas of health and 2. Workshops with the Presbyterian Counseling Center.
4. **Adult Education:** The Presbyterian Counseling Center is also a possibility for the Sunday School hour. Ginger would like to see more than one class meeting on Sunday morning. One could be a Bible Class and the other a series/lecture. Fred had ideas for Sunday school including a "What is Faith?" series which would go deeper into the Bible. Ginger will talk with Kathryn C about curriculum and Kathryn McCrary suggested "Thoughtful Christians" because it only requires one subscription and then print what you need. There are currently 7-10 on Sunday morning so it would be hard to divide the group. So far they are trying to find a balance between video and non-video. "Wired Word" is being used through 10/6. 10/13 will be a makeup for the Discernment Team and 10/20, 10/27 and 11/3, Charlie will lead a study – content TBA. For Advent, study will be "The Redemption of Scrooge" taught by Barb Newbauer and Ginger.
5. **All-Church Retreat:** Waiting to hear from Katie Guthrie, pastor at New Creation Presbyterian, as a leader for the weekend. (Kathryn has since heard she is unavailable) Looking for a youth contact person since Laura can't be there. Kaitlyn Watkins will be working with childcare age.
6. **Sunday School Recap Email** has started going out. Open rate has been 55-60% which is higher than "This Week at Starmount."
7. **Cindy Update:** Not many available for Grade 3-5. God Talk has had low numbers, but people are talking about it. Cindy will buy a pocket for the door to the room so parents can pick up on their own, in case they come late or leave early. Spy Kids Meet & Greet went well with 3 attending. The next will be October 13.
8. **Financial Review:** Libby will send a budget sheet to work for 2020 budget. VBS came out just right.

Next meeting Monday, October 21st at 1:30.

Closing Prayer: Kathryn McCrary