

Christian Education Meeting

March 9, 2023

Present: Jason Haldeman, David Leiter, Lynne Hockley, Jo Hershey, Ann Pineda Ziegler

*Jo is officially the 1- year appointee for 2023

CHECK-INS

Nursery (ages 0-2)

- The nursery is now meeting in their permanent place on the main floor
- Still looking for volunteers
- Currently there are no regular baby attendees

Shine (ages 2-5)

- Perhaps add some youth helpers if numbers continue to increase
- Nancy Becker is filling the third Sunday second hour helper

Blaze (Grades K-5)

- We need some elementary sized chairs
- Adjust the tables to be higher

Kids Club (formally called children's church)

- Primarily this group has time to play and build relationships together, there is no curriculum for this time, but we have been asking the kids to share what they learned in the faith formation hour and that has been helpful
- Leading a game during this time is beneficial
- We still need volunteers to fill in this schedule

Jr. High/Sr. High

- The youth inquirers class started this past Sunday (7 in attendance)
- The room is taking shape

Adult Classes

- Idea to have our three tenants join for a session to share their work
- Music CD for Lent might be possible with Seth
- We hope by March we will be able to have more classroom space available to offer various faith formation options

- Hybrid/ informational class (Jason and Craig)
- “Sip and Chat” in Memorial Lobby (community building)
- Intergenerational chalkboard chat
- *This is on hold -Sojourners Conversational/Relational Class(target younger adults and families) - Ashley Haldeman is willing to help convene this group
- Bible Exploration - David Leiter (goal to get something together by end of spring)

OTHER BUSINESS

Handbook

- We will want to update as we go this year, and will do a more in depth overview next year as we have a better sense of staffing.

Attendance

- Please take attendance for faith formation (names and dates)
- Put the attendance sheet in Jason’s mailboxes and offering

Future Goals

- Increase our support of students that have special needs (one-on-one supports)
- Training for teachers

VBS

- Curriculum: Use either the 2022 or 2023 curriculum from Brethren Press
- VBS will be August 15-18 (week before the fair) We want to try to keep this pattern so that families can plan on it.

TO DO:

- **David:** Talk to people about Bible Exploration and what they want
- **Lynne:** Send email to parents asking about youth helpers for Shine/Kids Club
- **Craig:**
- **Jo:** Let Shine teachers know that kids will be doing bells for a few minutes during the second hour

- **Jason:**

- Send email with chair ideas to get approved by Monday for board meeting
- Announce Intergenerational Chalkboard Chat class
- Send attendance policy to teachers
- Offering project suggestion - New community project

Next Meeting: April 3 at 7pm

For Board:

- VBS will be August 15-18th
- We are offering another adult class starting March 19
- Always looking for volunteers to run children's programs