

Christian Education Meeting

February 6, 2023

Present: Jason Haldeman, David Leiter, Lynne Hockley, Jo Hershey, Craig Coble

CHECK-INS

Nursery (ages 0-2)

- The nursery is now meeting in their permanent place on the main floor
- Still looking for volunteers

Shine (ages 2-5)

- Perhaps add some youth helpers if numbers continue to increase
- The shared room is working well
- Looking for new helper for third Sunday second hour

Blaze (Grades K-5)

- BLAZE room is continuing to come together
- We need some elementary sized chairs
- Ashley will be helper for the third Sunday of the month

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
- 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 available again, but it is bare. We want youth input as to what we put in that room.

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

- “Processed theology” class led by Chris Bucher and John David had a good turn out (some came because of the ad in the newspaper)
- 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)
 - Sojourners Conversational/Relational Class(target younger adults and families) - Ashley Haldeman is willing to help convene this group
 - Curriculum based class that is conversational - (Is there interest here? Who would lead?)
 - 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:**

- **Craig:**
- **Jo:**
- **Jason:**
 - Get Bilingual Playgroup on the calendar for the BLAZE room
 - Order disco ball for youth
 - Send attendance policy to teachers
 - Offering project suggestion
 - Call Brethren Press about VBS curriculum
 - Add to Handbook October - Review contracts with ECNS and ECCC about our shared space

Next Meeting: March 9 at 7pm

For Board:

- VBS will be August 15-18th
- We look forward to offering more faith formation options for adults starting in March
- Good turn out for the Processed Theology class
- Always looking for volunteers to run children's programs