

Christian Education Meeting

November 8, 2021

Present: Jason Haldeman, Kendra Gottshall, Kathy Nornhold, Brittany Hoeschele

CHECK-INS

Nursery

- Not many babies right now
- Room was not being cleaned but has been addressed
- Check in to see if we have volunteers if we would need for first hour Sunday School

Shine

- Start 9:15-10:15 am o
- Want to keep at least 3 people with that group
- Staying inside is a bit of a challenge with masks
- We are having a group of 3-6 kids each time

Blaze

- Still meeting during the second hour as a combined group (we would like to stay there until we have at least 10 kids consistently)
 - We have it mostly staffed but would need more volunteers
- The BLAZE room and Christian ed hall is not quite ready yet
- E-town college student Hannah has been an extra helper during BLAZE
- BLAZE room is going to be painted different colors and add things to the room

Jr. High

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Sr. High

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- Washington D.C. trip is gaining interest and that event will be Nov.
- Have a NYC informational meeting and youth gathering next week at the Zieglers

Adult Classes

- Virtual classes will continue into the fall
- Still waiting on the cart to create the hybrid level
- How do we create spaces for relationship building without taking away from the educational/learning piece of Sunday School

OTHER BUSINESS

Building Project

- Possibly use two rooms on the main floor for blaze. The K-2 class would still be
- Flexible indoor spaces and nice outdoor spaces likely more important than the large number of classrooms originally requested

Teacher Recognition in September

- Letters to teacher - Jason
- Make a donation in their name - Give a Girl a Chance NCP

Virtual Classroom: working with Sage to set one up as a smart room

Children's Church (This is not happening right now because Sunday School for BLAZE will be during the church hour)

Possibilities:

- Alyssa Cross - Maybe (Would like to observe first)
- Jacob & Allison (possibility for the future)
- Maura (need clearances)
- Karen Stoltzfus
- Paula Burke

Future Goals

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

TO DO:

- **Jason - Send Surveys**
 - Child Protection policy - needs to be brought up again in the future
 - Progress with Smart Cart initiative
- **Craig - Talk to local school teacher to see about resources for anti racism with child education**

Next Meeting: Dec. at 7:30 pm

For Board:

- We are trying to provide christian education opportunities in a difficult time with Covid.
- We continue to look for volunteers to support our children's programming.
- We are looking to fill 2 spots on the Christian Ed Commission
- We are working on preparing room 101 for BLAZE by painting the room and furnishing it.