

Christian Education Meeting

October 4, 2021

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

CHECK-INS

Nursery

- There are enough volunteers

Shine

- Start 9:15-10:15 am on Sept. 12
- Want to keep at least 3 people with that group
- We will stay combined for now until more families come back
- How do we deal with children or families that don't want to wear masks?

Blaze

- Still meeting during the second hour as a combined group
 - We have it mostly staffed but would need more volunteers
- The BLAZE room and Christian ed hall is not quite ready yet
- Tonight we talked about childcare during the council meeting for the vote on the pastoral candidate

Jr. High

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Adult Classes

- Virtual classes will continue into the fall

- Fall - balance in person and virtual classes (perhaps Seekers & New Discoveries classes will become one)
- 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: Nov. 1 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.
- Budget will remain the same for next year