

Christian Education Meeting

August 30, 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

- Start 10:15 am on Sept. 12
- We had a long discussion about how things will work for the fall and with COVID. For now we will keep groups combined and during the church hour instead of during the Sunday School hour
- The BLAZE room will be in 101 and should hopefully be ready by Sept. 12.
- We will be moving all BLAZE carts into that room and reorganizing.
- How do we deal with children or families that don't want to wear masks?
 - Send out information ahead of time, make sure doors are clear
 - Teachers address any issues first thing as students arrive at the class

Jr. High

- Start 9:15-10:15 am on Sept. 12 - This is still up for debate depending on what the Jr. High teachers think will be best.

Sr. High

- Start 9:15-10:15 am on Sept. 12 - This is still up for debate depending on what the Sr. High teachers think will be best.
- Try to create a welcoming space to invite youth back

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: Oct. 4 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 holding on to hope that we will be able to expand our programming in the not too distant future.