

Christian Education Meeting

June 6, 2021

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

CHECK-INS

Nursery

- Deb and Jo are working on the schedule as the nursery opens up.
- Change language to be inclusive of bottle feeding and nursing parents

Shine

- Combined ages for the first week open (June 6)
- 8 children attended, masking was ok
- Want to keep at least 3 people with that group
- We will stay combined for now until more families come back

Blaze

- 8 children attended, good with 2 adults
- We need more volunteers for this summer
- Snack was a good choice
- Good balance

Jr. High

- Party to celebrate 8th graders went well
- Looking into options as to how to do Sunday School now that we are open for the service hour

Sr. High

- Try to create a welcoming space to invite youth back
- Meeting with the teachers tonight*

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

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**
 - Check into multi-age Shine curriculum
 - Talk to Deb about nursery

- Nursery/Shine/Blaze: Will reach out to all teachers/helpers to let them know basic structure of modified sunday school hour
 - Will send sign-up links soon
 - Get certifications in order
 - Two helpers--both to review curriculum (one vaccinated older youth as well?)
 - Send out curriculum to all age group list (for those staying home or on vacation)
- Progress with Smart Cart initiative
- **Craig - Talk to local school teacher to see about resources for anti racism with child education**

Next Meeting: June 7 at 7:30 pm

For Board:

- Sending notice about sunday school hour structure to volunteers
 - Nursery, 1 shine, and 1blaze class offered during church hour when indoor starts