Christian Education Meeting August 1st, 2022

Present: Lynne Hockley, Jo Hershey, Jason Haldeman, Ann Pineda, Craig Coble (via Zoom)

Absent: Kathy Nornhold

VBS Update

Online registration is approximately 16 participants. Invitations were given or sent out to ECCC, and ECOB families. There is currently a sign out the front on the corner of Cedar and Mt. Joy Streets. There is an advertisement in the Merchandiser that will be coming up soon. VBS scheduled for August 16th through to August 19th, then an invitational for all participants to attend the August 21st church service. A bounce house has been hired for the first day kick off, parents and participants are invited to come early for the bounce house at 5pm, with the provision parents/guardians remain with their children until VBS commences at 6pm.

Faith Formation Check In

Nursery: there is a need for more volunteers for when we return to the two hour time limit. There are regulars who will remain, and those who prefer either the faith formation hour or the church hour. Deb Zeigler is the current coordinator and has reached out to members of the church.

Shine: Jo Hershey is coordinator and the teachers have been confirmed, just need confirmation from volunteer helpers. Jo will liaise with Deb Zeigler and share volunteer lists etc.

Blaze: Teachers and Volunteers are needed, Ann Pineda has a few confirmations — need recruiting. Touch base with previous volunteers to reconfirm their interest. E.g Paula Burke, Trish Sollenberger, Wendy Neiss etc.

Junior High: Jim Beckwith has agreed to continue, Don Ziegler continues to help. Need for a female leader – Ann Pineda on standby if we don't find someone to fill the need.

is a need for more leaders to facilitate this group. Suggestions are Meryl and Ethan Gibbel, Rose Kolonauski, Jacob and Allison Mattern.

Adults: Our biggest issue is available space and what types/groups to offer. The zoom cart is available – works best in room 101. There is a bible study group (formal). The tent is currently used Sunday mornings for informal gatherings. The tent could be used for both informal and formal groups as we await indoor space to become available with the HVAC renovations.

Upcoming Import Dates for CE

August 21st, 2022: Jason Haldeman will be preaching on Sunday, and an announcement to be made regarding the restart of the two hour Sunday. Carve out 10 minutes to reintroduce Faith Formation – what it is, how it will look like going forward.

August 28th, 2022: Faith Formation coordinators to confirm before this date, volunteers for Nursery, Shine, Blaze programs. Check clearances etc.

Future Discussions/Suggestions:

K-2 Children's Church: how can we continue to offer this service to families; there is available space. Are we able to tap into the College's students to help provide this service? Possibly rename "Mini Faith Formation", "Circle of Friends".

Next meeting September 5th, 2022 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted by Joanne Hershey