

Christian Education Meeting

March 1, 2022

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

CHECK-INS

- NURSERY
 - Deb Ziegler has agreed to work with Jo to take over as coordinator
 - Will likely be focusing on nursery over shine
 - Opening worship will be tied to Nursery

- SHINE (preschool)
 - Teacher prospects
 - Karin Davidson-Lazakavits is moving from coordinator to just teaching
 - Ashley Haldeman may be willing to teach again
 - Need leader or co-leader team to coordinate/schedule
 - Desiree Weaver-Spidel (may be taking classes)
 - Jo Hershey - may need a break
 - Start as just one class?
 - Perhaps make a survey that has the specific masking guidelines to have some idea of expected attendance

- BLAZE
 - Clean out Christian Ed Closet
 - Just started new Spring curriculum
 - Zoom sessions not currently happening, lenten small groups are meeting after church, which was the time slot that was expected to be used for Blaze.
 - Will reach out to teachers/helpers to ask if they would be willing to teach during the church hour, modified children's church

- Jr. High
 - Zoom meetings continue to go well
 - When open, will likely remain virtual for now
 - Guest speakers are joining about once a month
 - Start youth Inquirers Class virtually in March (9 weeks)
 - Will start to talk to teachers about not having a sunday school hour at first
 - Would some junior high kids like to help with the modified children's church?

- Sr. High
 - Tubing only had 1 senior high participant
- Post High game night potential event
- Adult classes
 - Getting great virtual turnout: 58 screens in recent attendance
 - Post-live views are very low
 - Intersections class is still meeting informally about every other week on Zoom
 - Sunday School Class at 9:15am through Zoom is planned out through March
 - Move to 9 so time to arrive for in person church?
 - Jason is meeting another group to learn about potentially making room 102 a smart classroom
 - Mark Clapper might be a good resource for e-classroom. Original group gave 13K quote. Jason got in touch with Brian Helm for new contact.
 - Joint book study with Lititz COB on Monday night
 - Bible Study on Thursdays - Compelling Vision from Denomination (looking for leadership)

Other Business

5th Sunday Forum *New responsibility of Christian Ed.

- May 30th, August 29, Oct. 31st

Teacher Recognition

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

Children's Church

- Have an event to fill out clearances?

Leaders:

- Jason & Ashley
- Kathy & Kendra
- Brittany & Ann
- Cassie Mora & Lauren Ober-Miller (need clearances?)

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:

- **Kathy - Give a Girl a Chance donation - \$200 (Someday.. Maybe May)**
- **Brittany - Talk with Jo to possible co-coordinate Shine**
- **Kendra -**
- **Jason -**
- **Craig - Talk to local school teacher to see about resources for anti racism with child education**
- **All - Is there a space that we could improve before people are back?**
- **All - Clean Ch. Ed. closet**
- **All - Brainstorm how BLAZE could look when we are back in person**

Next Meeting: April 5 at 7:30 pm

For Board:

- Beginning to consider options for how we re-open safely and still meet Christian education needs of all congregants
- We are working to contact teachers and helpers for whenever we will be back in person