

Educational Ministries Committee
June 21, 2007(revised)
Minutes

Present: Brad Geltz, Diane Tinkham, Tina Levasseur, Emily Clement, Sue Smith, and Dawn Swain

Opening : Sue Smith opened with her treasure bag. We each had to pick a knick-knack item out of Sue's bag and say how the item related to our own personal life.

May minutes were accepted:

Youth Group: Both youth groups are going on an outing to Whales Tales Water Park on June 29th. Jean Clark and Diane Tinkham asked if our committee would like to help defray the cost of each person from our church who will be going, since the amount to get into the park is \$28.00 each person. The committee voted to give each person \$10.00 towards the park admission fee. Diane thought about 15 people will be going.

Mother's Day Breakfast, May 13: We felt the breakfast went well, after church brings in a bigger crowd then before the Service. It was suggested not to have the breakfast on Mother's Day, since many families have other commitments with family members, so maybe a Sunday in March might be better, when things are not so busy. Pancakes, sausage and donuts were plenty.

Overlook Farm, June 9: June is not a good time to plan this event. People are very busy and unfortunately we only had 3 people sign up. This might be a great idea for a youth group retreat.

Children's Sunday, June 10: We did not have many kids in church on this Sunday, June is again a busy month. Maybe host Children's Sunday on Mother's Day where lots of families are in Church to honor their mothers.

Horton Center Campership: Our committee needs to add the Campership to our budget as a line item for next year. Emily is going to send out a letter in the fall for active members explaining campership. We suggested that we make sure the campers are active in the church, maybe helping and/or attending events through out the year and to also set a dead line to request campership funds. We are happy to say we gave \$125.00 per camper this year and we had 18 kids go to camp.

Spring Fling, June 2: This event was an indoor Bar-B-Q at the Church hall. Cindy Santy put this together and there were about 45 people present, old, young, members and friends. EMC purchased hamburgers, hot dogs and paper supplies at a cost of \$100.00. Games were played, food was shared and fun was had by all. Suggestion for next year, earlier in May and maybe a 50's sock hop with lots of music.

Restructuring of the Church: A hand out for the By-Laws Revisions was passed out. It was noted the Cabinet was eliminated, Church Council is responsible for “lending in the members and committees in fulfilling the mission of the Church. Other committees were restructured also.

Survey to parents: Emily would like to send out a summer mailer to the parents of the children that attend Church School asking them how we can improve and what they like about our Church School program. We would like to try and get some feed back as to how we can improve out attendance. Emily will put this together mail it out soon.

Budget: Tina Levasseur is going to put together a budget with line items and updates.

Summer Nursery Coverage: Dawn Swain has been working on the summer coverage and said it is going well. She has a few more Sunday’s to fill in August. The nursery is for the younger children and the older children will go to the garden with adults.

Fall Church School: We talked about different ways to put together our Fall Church School program. Having a monthly theme (Example might be for September- Creation/Genesis, Oct. Noah’s Ark, covenant) and we would like to create 4 weeks of events. Week one might be a craft project, week two a lesson and so on. We would like to have all the children doing the same event each week just at a different skill level. **The children will start out in the large classroom altogether.** This might help with grouping of the children age and skill levels. The nursery would still be for children age 4 and under. We would also like to make the Church School end at 10:30AM to be sure there is time to complete the day’s project and this would also give parents time to socialize before picking up their children.

Closing: Diane Tinkham closed with a poem.

Next meeting: Thursday July 12 at 7:00

Opening: Emily Clement Closing: Tina Levasseur

Next Coffee Hour ----July 29th

Submitted by,

Tina Levasseur

