

Educational Ministries Committee
November 8, 2007
Minutes

Present: Debbie Nelson, Eric Nelson, Tina Levasseur, Emily Clement, Dawn Swain, Stu Nelson, Diane Tinkham and Tammy Emond.

Opening: Stu Nelson opened with "Gift of Friendship"

Concert News

Emily Clement, Tyler Emond and Tammy Emond are working on the Concert at the church on January 11th with Corey Crowder. Tammy was asking all the committees if they would be interested in helping with the concert. We could help by selling food, clothing, merchandise or standing by the doors. The committee agreed to help out at the concert. Either members from the committee would help out or the committee would find people to help. Concert tickets will be open to church members first and then the public. Members of the youth groups have also volunteered to help out during the concert. It was discussed by the committee that some of the proceeds from the concert could be given to the youth groups and they could decide where the money should go.

October Minutes

Due to scheduling conflicts the hike and fall fellowship dinner were postponed.

Fall Church School Review- Nursery, K-8, 9

The Nursery has been very busy. If the number of children attending keeps increasing the committee may need to look at getting another adult to help.

The committee discussed how k-8 was going and if the children liked being in the same room together. Diane Tinkham expressed concern that some of the older children did not like being with the younger children. It was discussed that after the morning circle the older children could be put in an adjoining room. Emily Clement said sometimes there are only two adults in the room so if the kids were separated both adults would need to be able to see all of them.

Diane Tinkham noted that we need to start keeping official records of attendance. Emily was also going to research attendance to determine whether it is up or down from last year.

Superintendent's News

Dawn Swain has been performing the safety check each week. Emily Clement collects the children's offering each week. Dawn also noted that she is still recruiting potential cub scouts. The number of boy scouts in her troop increased.

Christmas Pageant

Lorienne Valovane will direct the pageant this year. It will be Sunday December 16th at 4pm. Emily said there will be a run thru of speaking parts and staging on December 9th. All the participants will be at the run thru on December 16th after church and then they will return at 3:15 pm later to get ready for the pageant. It was decided that the children will be placed in the back pews until their part comes up.

Bible Sunday

Emily has been working with the Diaconate and it will take place on December 2nd. There will be 2 kindergarteners and 2 third graders receiving Bibles.

Youth Groups

The Family Youth Group is going to Funspot for bowling on November 18th.
The 5/6 grade youth group will be making decorations for the Hazel Duke Dinner.

Updates Circle of Grace, Women's Book Club, Bible Study, Stewardship Sunday, Penny Collection

The Circle of Grace is going well. Five weeks total.
Women's Book Group - 8 people came to first meeting. Diane Tinkham will buy books for the club and if any members of the group want to buy them from her she will use that money for the next book selection.
Bible Study - Wednesday's at 10 am
Stewardship Sunday - A letter has been sent to all members about it. There will be a lunch following the service on November 11th.
Penny collection for Ann Peck's crèche's - need to remind children to bring in pennies.

Yankee Swap

Need to find a house to hold this event in. Diane Tinkham will ask around.

Other Items

Diane Tinkham will ask Jean Clarke if any toys or other items are needed in the Nursery. If yes, the committee has authorized Jean to spend up to \$150.00 for new items.

Closing - Diane Tinkham talked about stewardship and asked each committee member what the church meant to them.

Next Meeting - December 13th
Opening: Closing:

Next Coffee Hour - November 18th

Faithfully Submitted,
Debbie Nelson