

Educational Ministries Committee
October 12, 2006
Minutes

Present: Emily Clement, Stu Nelson, Debbie Nelson, Karen Mussen, Eric Nelson, Sue Smith, Tina Levasseur.

Opening: Silent Prayer

Minutes: Minutes from the September meeting were accepted.

Church School News

Sunday school classes are going well. Dawn Swain has taken on the job of being the Church School Superintendent.

The children from Sunday school voted to put their weekly offerings toward the Heifer project. Emily Clement will be putting a bulletin board together to show the kids where their offering is going. A suggestion was made that we should approach council to see if all of the offering the children give could go towards this project instead of a portion going to the church and a portion going to the project.

There are a number of events coming up this month. They are: Bible Sunday, Rent-a-kid, Circle of Grace, Rattlesnake Hike and new members joining the church.

Rent-A-kid

It starts at 12:30 on October 22nd. Parents or Chaperones will receive a paper telling them what house to go to. Every child that went to Horton Center over the summer has signed up to help. 17 people have signed up to have work done. Half have offered strict donations. Emily Clement mentioned that we should have emphasized it was to replenish the Horton Center fund more. This would have helped parents understand it was helping to defray some of the costs for sending their child to camp.

Christmas Pageant

Kecia Stanley and Cindy Bronson have volunteered to lead the pageant again this year. Kecia attended this meeting to explain the script options available this year and what costumes would need to be replaced. Following the success of last June's Sunday school pageant and the difficulty in finding adults to fill roles in the play Kecia and Cindy wanted to have only kids in the pageant this year. The committee agreed. After discussing it with Kecia the committee decided to use the "Christmas Gift" script for the children to do in Sunday school the first Sunday in December. The Second script called "Brand New Star" a more traditional script would be used for the pageant in church which was decided would be held during the church service before Christmas. The committee also decided to allot \$300 for new costumes. The three wise men costumes will probably have to be replaced.

Monarch Tickets

Emily Clement has reserved tickets for January 14th at 4pm to see the Monarchs in Manchester. The cost for an adult is \$12.00 and for a child \$10.00. Last year we charged less then the cost. An adult paid \$10.00 and a child paid \$5.00.

Owl Training-

Emily Clement talked to the educational ministries committee about a sexuality training program offered by Planned Parenthood. Next month she could attend the training and subsequently teach this information to the churches youth. It would cost \$225.00 for the two day training along with additional monies for curriculum needed to teach the class. It was suggested by a couple of members that Emily should talk to the youth group leaders as well as parents of the youth to see if they would be interested in the church offering this. It was also discussed whether we should check with other churches to see if they are going to offer this and maybe we could do it with them. Because of the short time frame to get feedback on offering this program and the cost involved it was decided that Emily would not go next month but maybe look at it in the future.

Budget 2007

The committee needed to decide on the budget for next year. This needs to be submitted to the Trustees by Nov. 1st. Much discussion was given to how the budget should be prepared. Sue Smith suggested that thought be given to what does educational ministries want to do next year. What do we want to accomplish? Due to time constraints and time needed to do this she also suggested next year we should start talking about the budget at the September meeting and write down what the committee wants to accomplish in the coming year. The committee decided to break the budget up into the following five categories with:

Sunday School - \$1,300
Programs -\$1,000
Confirmation- \$300
Mission - \$1,000
Youth Group- \$1,000

Further discussion on the budget will take place at the November meeting.

Upcoming Events

Both Youth Groups are doing well. Jean Clark has some great ideas for the kids in her new group.

Childcare needs to be offered for the Circle of Grace program starting October 26th. Emily Clement was wondering how we wanted to take care of childcare for this program. Because we do not know who will be attending the program and utilizing the child care it was suggested that Emily put a notice in tower tidings asking the people to call her if they need child care for that day. This way Emily could better know what ages will be in the childcare room and plan activities for them.

Emily Clement is also looking for a 3rd person to rotate into the preschool thru 1st grade Sunday school class. Karen Mussen offered to do it until December.

Closing- Stu

Faithfully Submitted,
Debbie Nelson