

## Learning Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Monday September 14, 2009

**Members Present:** Denise Follmann, Heather Kalous, Danielle Phippen & Cathie Beatty

**Absent:** Molly Noren, Tammi Griffith, Susan Lent

**Old Business:** Sunday School Kick-Off – We took smoothies and snacks around to the classrooms for a welcome back to Sunday School treat. The kids really seemed to enjoy it! There were 83 involved in Sunday School with 28 of those being in the adult class. We also had an informal meeting because we were all there.

**New Business:** Sunday School Singers – After some discussion one thing we felt our younger kids were missing was music. The kind of Sunday school songs we all learned as kids and enjoyed singing. Kids in K-4 will meet in the sanctuary for 10 minutes at the start of Sunday school. There will be 1-2 song leaders, someone running sound and their teachers will be there also. We would like them to perform 1 Sunday a month at Church. Cathie will be the contact person and initial person on sound and we have several volunteer song leaders already signed on. October 4<sup>th</sup> will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday this takes place. Any volunteers are welcome – enthusiasm a must – singing ability not necessary – CDs will be used!

Downtown Halloween Parade – Every year kids trick or treat downtown and the merchants give away treats. We felt this was a good outreach project for us. We will give a small bag with candy, possibly a pencil and a small card or magnet with a "Halloween" prayer & info about our Church with an invite to join us.

UNICEF – October 4<sup>th</sup> UNICEF collection boxes will be sent home. October 25<sup>th</sup> the kids will be in the back of the sanctuary for both services to collect from the congregation.

Advent Fete – Will be Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>. We will be helping the kids make ornaments for the hanging of the greens. We are looking for about 20 +/-

miniature straw bales (1" x 3" approx.) for one of our projects. If anyone sees them somewhere please get them for us, you will be reimbursed.

Christmas Program – Lori Ferguson will be directing the Christmas Program this year. We are waiting to find out when the dance recital will be before setting the date. Possibly the 20<sup>th</sup>?

Sunday School Attendees – This last Sunday we had 2 young adults that graduated last year attend the high school Sunday School class. While we are very glad that they are here and want to attend it has always been the "policy" that this ends upon high school graduation or turning 18 whichever comes later. Pastor Karen and Denise are discussing the need for a formal policy. We discussed how we could encourage them to keep coming, possibly asking them personally to come with someone they know to the adult class. Also discussed possibilities of a young adult class?

**Other:** Our next meeting will be Monday Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Unless you hear differently we will meet in the Nursery so the kids can play. We will be working on assembly of the Halloween bags.

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