

Education Committee Minutes - February 11, 2013

In attendance: Rick Starck, Vic Costello, Dr. Rev. Bill Fisackerly, Kim Fisackerly, Holly Woods, Joan Priest, Scott Folsom and John Furtado.

John Furtado opened the meeting by lighting the Christ candle, followed by reviewing recent prayer concerns.

John Furtado also opened with prayer.

Last formal meeting was April 2012.

1. We spent considerable time discussing the need for an Education Chairperson whose responsibilities/duties would focus on all aspects of nurturing/growing our Christian education.
2. We also discussed needed more teachers aides to assist with the 3rd, 4th & 5th grade Sunday School.

For both of the above, the consensus was that personal contact is the best way to accomplish these items. We are all asked to pray about this.

3. Vic Costello pointed out that our mission statement "Helping everyone meet, know and serve Jesus" should be more prominent within the sanctuary and class rooms. The only place it is currently prominent is on the weekly church bulletin. All agreed however we failed to assign a champion for this task.

4. Child Protection Policy - required annual review training is starting on 2/17 with a target to be complete by March month end. Dr. Rev. Bill will contact the conference regarding the annual requirement.

5. VBS (Holly Woods) - starter kit has been ordered (Kingdom Rocks). Timing is the week of June 17th and it will be held during the early evening hours.

6. Easter Egg Hunt (Holly Woods) - scheduled for Saturday March 23, 2013. Materials are arriving. Holly will need help starting about 6 PM on Friday, March 22, to prepare the baskets.

7. Attendance records should be kept for all groups involved in Christian nurturing/education. This will be a measure of how we are doing bringing people to Christ.

8. Financial Peace University (Brenda Dalton) - new class started on Thursday, February 7th.

9. Discussed having the Sunday School youth bring an offering to help instill part of our Christian responsibility. Joan Priest will draft a letter for the youth to take home.

10. Heifer International (Scott Folsom & Holly Woods) - December communion offering will be for Heifer. **DO WE NEED TO DO MORE?????**

11. Small Groups (Vic Costello) - church surveys are in progress which will help identify needs. Vic has started meeting (after each service) with people who have volunteered to facilitate or participate in small group study and as a result new small groups are being put together.

12. The group agreed that the "Church" should purchase the "Experiencing GOD" program including 25 work books and CD's or Video's. Funds would come from our Evangelism account.

RED - Education Chair and more teachers aides

YELLOW - Small groups and Child Protection Policy review

GREEN - New FPU class underway, progress with small groups