

LEARNING Ministry Team Minutes

Last Meeting Date: June 10, 2009

ATTENDEES:

Jill Gretzinger
Sharon Orsted
Donna Haberland
Anita Damon

Excused:

Hollie Holtebeck
Kathie Kommers
Gloria Luebke

Items that may require council action:

A LMT representative would like to attend the Council meeting to present information about their recommendation to implement the Spark curriculum.

1. Benefits of the Spark curriculum: It strengthens the home/family connection with age appropriate lessons on the same Bible story for all ages, preschool to grade 6. The learner materials and family take home encourage conversations at home. When students are absent, the Spark lesson can be used at home.
2. Spark requires less staff time for administration. Most Spark expenses would be covered by the current budget. Any additional cost could be offset if the lease for the Fellowship Hall copier were discontinued.
3. The LMT would provide a parent orientation for discussed a stewardship emphasis to encourage the use of Sunday School offering envelopes and/or asking parents for \$5 - \$10 per year to help defray the learner leaflet costs.
4. The LMT plans to invite members to donate Spark Bibles for classroom use at a cost of \$15 per Bible. About 10 years ago when members were requested to donate Bibles for classrooms, members gladly donated all the Bibles needed.

Ministry team minutes:

Special Needs Learning Ministry Task Force: seeking people with expertise in special education to develop a process to accommodate children with special needs beyond current methods. Jill will contact possible task force members.

Highlight fall teacher recruitment needs in July newsletter. Postcards have been mailed to prospective teachers and LMT will follow up with phone calls.

Opening the Book of Faith Task Force: seeking members and to meet in July.

Sunday School will start on Sept. 13, 2010: the first Sunday after Labor Day.

Submitted by: Anita Damon