

**Ministry Team: Learning**

**Meeting date: September 10, 2013**

**Attendees:**

**Jeff Cieslik**

**Donna Haberland**

**Kim Knuppel**

**Zay Lenaburg**

**Deanna Sanders**

**Excused: Angella Hoffman**

Items that may require council action: none

Items that may require budget/finance coordination TO BE PRESENTED TO SUPPORT MINISTRY TEAM before being presented to Council: none

New Task Force (include minutes plus complete the form in the team folder): none

Ministry Team Minutes:

Items of discussion:

- I. Welcome!
  - A. Welcome, Angella!
  - B. Welcome, Deanna!
  
- II. Existing Task Forces
  
- III. New Task Forces Envisioned
  
- IV. Previous Meeting Minutes
  
- V. Items for Discussion
  - A. Children's ministry:
    1. Rally Sunday Report
      - Went wonderfully at both sites
      - NS has at least one teacher in every classroom – looking for team teachers. Maybe Pastor Jeff could do a plug at the service like he did for DS?
      - Two 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes didn't meet because there were no teachers. Donna put a sign up on the doors asking for help and had three people volunteer to teach.
    2. Sunday School Offerings will go toward a Lutheran World Relief program of 'purchasing' a farm. Goal = \$750. There will be visual reminders of the goal and its progress
    3. Teachers still needed:
      - a) DS:
      - b) NS:
    4. Brainstorm ways Parents can get involved in their Children's ministry/Sunday School:
      - a) Invite parents to Sunday School
      - b) 'Seminars' for parents
      - c) Faith Stepping Stones: already planned: will do Three Year olds this year (March 9, 16)
        - Any ideas how to get parents into the classroom with the intention of having them see that teaching isn't scary.
        - Think about this for next time.
  
- VI. Revisit Website links handed out last spring
  - Will review in the meantime and discuss at next meeting.

## VII. Budget

- Turn in budget after October meeting.
- Not required to cut anything this year.
- Need more money for NS SS budget for materials, supplies, and teacher appreciation due to the growth at the NS and an increase in students and teachers this year.
- Donna will see what was spent on curriculum this fall, find out who is paying nursery staff, and talk to Anita about CHART and Library/Media so we have more firm numbers on those at the October meeting.
- Some suggested changes to the budget include:
  - Finding out who is in charge of nursery supplies
  - Adding money for all SS lines due to growth at NS
  - Taking \$50 from Library/Media line (total of \$350)
  - Finding out what the equipment line is to be used for
  - Adding \$125 to Vacation Bible School (total of \$1,425)
  - Taking \$100 from Baptismal Faith Formation (total of \$500)
  - Possibly taking \$50 from Christmas Programs & Gifts (total of \$50) or maybe changing it to Holiday Programs & Gifts to include Easter.

Ministry Team Members:

Term ends February 2014: Kim Knuppel

Council Representative: Jeff Cieslik