

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Clarks Summit , PA**

Education Ministry Team

Team Meeting: Wednesday, October 15, 2008

Present:

Pastor Present: Pastor Mathews, Dick Yost, Kathy Mathews, Debbie Miller, Terry Bockelkamp, Barbara Strangfeld, Janice Huylo, Heather Klien and Carole Hamersly.

The meeting opened at 7:05 with devotions prepared by Barbara Strangfeld and read by Kathy Mathews and prayer from Kathy.

The minutes of the July 14, 2008 meeting were reviewed (noted that Heather was in attendance, but not listed). A motion to approve minutes was made by Heather Klien and second Terry Bockelkamp. Motion passed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUB COMMITTEE: *(Heather Klien)*

An Advent Event is being planned for Sunday, December 7. Meat trays will be provided, attendees will bring dish to share. Youth group members will assist with activities.

The Ten Commandments will be the focus of closings throughout the school year. The next closing has been rescheduled for Sunday, November 9.

The question arose of changing the beginning of class time to 9:15, as that is when most students get here and 75 minutes is a long class. It was suggested that the time change to 9:15 when the Contemporary services resume in November.

Heather is looking for someone to run the Christmas program.

YOUTH GROUP: *(Heather Klien)*

A Halloween party for youngsters is being planned, followed by a party for youth group members. A lock-in is scheduled as well as assisting with Bingo at Gino Merli Center and St. Francis Kitchen.

Feedback from the Around the World Dinner was very positive and a good time was had by all.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: *(Carole Hamersly)*

Meetings will begin in February to choose a curriculum for next year. Most likely the dates would be June 22-26, 2009.

CONFIRMATION: (*Pastor Mathews*)

A smaller group this year and meetings have begun.

PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY: (*Debbie Miller*)

Three staff have been certified in CPR and potential for others in the congregation to be certified in interested.

PRE-SCHOOL: (*Barbara Strangfeld*)

A meeting was held September 23 where policies were established on school closings/delays pertaining to weather. It was determined that background checks should be done on substitutes.

Much discussion was had regarding the need for the team to have some type of policy regarding the teachers' input regarding students that attend school and receive therapy services through the NEIU (services provided during school time). The committee will be meeting in January. Debbie Miller offered that she is presenting a program at the end of October that the staff may be interested in attending regarding positioning of children with special needs (ie.. story time...). Terry thanked Debbie for the donation of a first aid kit to the pre-school. Terry has obtained a personal CPR kit that is available in the library for use by anyone interested in a self taught course.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB/BIBLE STUDY:

No report.

LIBRARY:

Visits by the pre-school and Sunday school classes are currently under way. Terry is distributing with overdue books notices.

OTHER:

The Book of Faith classes have begun with strong participation.

Dick questioned how to increase interest in order to host more classes (which would be the same 7 session course).

The congregation council has requested that teams review/update their charters for self evaluation. This team will meet again on December 3 and will review needs at that time.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 15, 2008 at 7:00 pm. Dick Yost will do devotions.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Carole Hamersly