

Trinity Lutheran Church

Education Ministry Team

Meeting Minutes - December 2, 2009

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

Opening Prayer: Kathy Mathews; reflections on Advent.

Minutes of the Prior Meeting: The minutes of the September 2009 meeting were reviewed. Dick questioned the “other” from last meeting regarding a report of a youth convention that was held in New Orleans. What options are available to us? Pastor indicated that planning is beginning for a youth gathering of the same nature in a couple of years. Heather indicated that she has spoken with Pastor Michelle Kauffman regarding youth opportunities within the Synod.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Sunday School:

Heather Klien

Attendance and offering are up. Planning for the Christmas play is well under way with costumes having been repaired and cleaned and ironed. All parts have been assigned and the play will be presented on the television for all to view.

The bonus lessons have gone well, as have the family services. Youth readers will begin reading lessons during the family service. Junior acolytes are being recruited for services as well.

Heather will continue to research curriculum, as some teachers are happy with Akaloo, while others are not.

Youth Group:

Heather Klien

Youth group has been very busy with Bingo at Geno Meri, a Halloween party for 34 children, “Fill the bag” which collected 110 bags of food from the pre-school and congregation for distribution to Dalton Food Pantry and The Scranton Rescue Mission, a visit to the Taylor Nursing home to make Thanksgiving wreaths with the residents and a Lock In. Upcoming events are scheduled and Epiphany youth join us as they are able.

Vacation Bible School:

Carole Hamersly

Preliminary planning is under way. A choice for curriculum will be finalized before year’s end, but possibly “Baobab”.

Confirmation:

Pastor Mathews

Five students are currently enrolled in years one and two.

Parish Health Ministry:

Programs on Swine Flu and Hospice have been presented. Council is proposing to eliminate the PHM coordinator position for 2010 (to assist in keeping within budget) and look at direction of the program. Service and Outreach may be able to absorb some of the planning and implementation of some of the programs. Terry mentioned that Anita Guzek (bereavement counselor) may be able to present other programs. The bereavement support sessions are continuing.

Trinity Pre-school:**Barbara Strangfeld**

The policy draft will be refined, finalized and sent to NEIU. The presentation of Swine Flu information presented to parents (collected by Terry Bockelkamp and Debbie Miller) has proven very affective, as parents have kept sick children home. The Long Range Planning team plans to meet with staff regarding the needs as they begin to finalize ideas for remodel/expansion.

Adult Education:**Barbara Strangfeld**

The Strangfeld's will host a new session of Book of Faith focusing on Ephesians. Stephen Bettum is continuing an Open Book of Faith discussion group. Barbara Strangfeld invited people to send a Christmas card to Walter Reed Army Hospital to brighten a soldier's day. The Women of Trinity bible study is continuing and will be adding a Prayer Shawl Ministry while they study, to knit or crochet Prayer Shawls for distribution to shut-ins or hospitalized members.

Library:**Terry Bockelkamp**

The pre-school students will be visiting the library after Thanksgiving. The Sunday school classes have completed their visits. Terry would like to know if anyone can use VHS tapes, but it was recommended that she may be able to transfer them to DVD. National Book Month will be in the spring, but the Sunday school offering from a week in January will be donated to the library for new books. Many books from the Sponsor a Book table remain unsponsored.

Additional Business:

Item of Business: A brief discussion came about regarding Shirley and Ed Buntrock and the need for members to touch base with them as they can, as they may not be able to attend much in the upcoming months due to weather.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held at the Parish house on Thursday, March 4th, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

Closing: The meeting closed with Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Carole Hamersly
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