

Children, Youth and Family Committee

Monthly Progress Report

October 10, 2017

Attending: Candace Thompson, Brenda Tubbs, Dixie Hanson, Pastor Elizabeth, Rose Egertson and Sheri Groenveld

Children's Ministry

Working to hire a Children, Youth & Family Assistant. Deadline to apply is October 15. Brenda volunteered to help with interviews. Pastor Elizabeth will narrow list down by looking at resumes and then there will be an interview and the top candidates will be able to help with one of our ministries.

Christmas Play - rehearsals to begin this Sunday, October 15 and will run until 12/3 with a 2 week break around Thanksgiving.

Communication- weekly e-mail newsletter going out, working to get all families registered and signed up on the Remind App.

Monthly Events -

Sunday, October 22 - 4:30 PM Blessing of the Animals with a "Hot Dog" Barbecue, also plan to collect towels and sheets for the Agoura Animal Shelter. For this event, Candace, Rose and Dixie will be there. Dixie will buy hot dogs, chips & paper goods. Chris and Jason to BBQ. Rose to make lemonade and water. Sheri to make invites to hand out this Sunday. Will ask people to bring blankets for easier seating.

Sunday, November 12 - 4:30 PM Harvest Fiesta - an event that we will help the Stewardship committee. We will help by offering a time for kids to learn about Stewardship at the same time the parents are. We will also provide a piñata at the beginning for the kids. We would like to do a craft with the kids to make piggy banks and talk about saving and sharing our gifts.

Sunday, December 17 - 4:30 PM Christmas Caroling - Pastor Elizabeth to talk to Della at University Village. Our hopes are to carol at University Village and then the Thousand Oaks Health Care Center. We would like to have the kids make Christmas Cards before hand to hand out to seniors as we carol.

Nursery Ministry

We discussed the lack of policy and procedures in the care of this ministry. We would like to draft a vision for the ministry. Our idea is that the nursery be available for ages 9 months - 3 years old. When 4 years old, the child will transition to worship with the "Welcome to Worship" milestone of a nametag. Our hours for the nursery to be posted and would be approximately 9:15 AM - 10:45 AM. A sign in and out sheet will be used and cell phones of parents provided so the nursery attendant can reach the parent if needed. Diaper changing would be taken care of by the parents. We have one nursery employee, but we need to hire an assistant. What would be best is to also have a list of volunteers to fill in as a helper when needed to make sure we consistently have two nursery attendants. Rose volunteered to write up this information in a policy format and we would like to run by the main families who use the nursery to make sure this vision makes sense. Our goal is to offer CPR certification in the future for the church and include the nursery attendants.

Confirmation Ministry

Middle School Youth Gathering- deadline to register 10/11/17, the gathering will be held the weekend of 11/17/17. Have 6 youth going and 1-2 adult leaders.

High School Youth Group

High School Youth Group meeting on Sundays and Mondays. The 1st, 3rd and 5th weeks of the month Youth Group is on Monday and on the 2nd and 4th weeks Youth Group is on Sundays. The Youth Group is getting to know each other and the focus right now is on fun and building trust. The National Youth Gathering in Houston is coming up June 27- July 1, 2018. An information meeting is planned for October 16 at 7:00 PM. Deadline to register is November 1 with a \$150 deposit. Need to begin on fundraising!

General Events & Ongoing Items:

- HTLC Christmas Play on 12/10
- Family Winter-fest, 1/13-1/15/18 at El Camino Pines
- Faith Activity Bags
- First Communion & Introduction to the Bible Class to be scheduled for 2018
- Middle School Winter Camp - weekend of 2/23/18
- High School Winter Camp - weekend of 2/2/18
- Ventura County Youth Christmas Overnighter - 12/22 & 12/23

Next meeting - Tuesday, November 14, at 7:00 PM