

## **Minutes from Christian Ed. Committee/Sunday School Teachers meeting August 13, 2018**

**PRESENT:** Autumm Brazel (Chr.), Pastor Ed Frank, Michelle Rubel, Connie Dallenbach, Brenda Harrold, Jean Murray, Amanda Tendal, Amy Gustafson and Deb Spanier (Supt.).

**ABSENT:** Angie Christenson, Katie Olson and Kelly Tate.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Pastor Ed opened the meeting with a prayer.

Items on the agenda were the following:

**Class lists-** The class lists were reviewed and updated with some additions. Jean's class will be moving upstairs to the old Kindergarten & First Grade classroom as she will have a large group of around fifteen students. Autumm reported that Angie Christenson agreed to be a helper in the classroom.

**Forms for parents-** Autumm stated that we will have permission forms for parents to fill out & sign which include a Photo Release Form and Safe Sanctuary Policy that parents will need to return. Also, there will be a sheet sent home to parents explaining our Sunday School Attendance Awards Policy.

**Sunday School Attendance Book-** Autumm reported that there were some issues last year with the attendance books, therefore, she will make up one attendance book and Deb Spanier, Superintendent will be taking attendance each Sunday during "Announcements" in the sanctuary. Michelle questioned about students who come to class late. Deb stated that she will double check the classrooms after a while to make sure everyone is marked in attendance.

**Curriculum-** Cherubs-6th grade teachers liked the Deep Blue series curriculum from Cokesbury that they have used in previous years and agreed to continue using it for the 2018-2019 year. Autumm & Michelle prepare their own curriculum for the Jr. High and High School classes.

**Substitute Teachers-** It was reminded that it is the teacher's responsibility to find their own replacement. A request for volunteers to be substitute teachers will be publicized. Amy Gustafson volunteered to be a substitute teacher.

**Snacks/Drinks-** Deb Spanier will keep inventory on the juice boxes again and keep them stocked up. Teachers stated they will supply snacks for their own classrooms again. Brenda volunteered to provide snacks for the teachers. Autumm reminded teachers if they need reimbursed to bring in their receipts and if they wanted/needed Brenda to provide snacks to let her know.

**Sanctuary Gathering @ 9:10 a.m. -** Michelle said that she would speak with Chandler about possibly doing the music time. Autumm stated that she would like teachers here on Sundays by 9:00 a.m. before the children arrive.

**Confirmation-** Pastor Ed plans to have a confirmation class this year. There could possibly be up to around eleven confirmands. Confirmation classes will begin sometime in November with classes being held every other week. Letters will be mailed out to the families. It was stated that attending Sunday School is a requirement for confirmation.

**Blessing of the Backpacks-** Autumm reminded everyone that the Blessing of the Backpacks will take place this coming Sunday, August 19th and encouraged anyone with children to bring them. Autumm reported that we had three back packs donated for any children that come who do not have a back pack. If none are handed out then Autumm will take up to Laurens-Marathon School.

**Sunday School Kick-Off-** Sunday School will kick off on September 9, 2018. Connie is in charge. Connie stated that the theme will be a circus theme this year. There will be circus-themed activities, snacks and Bible Bingo.

**Lifeline Program-** Deb Spanier plans to continue the life line program again this year. Jean asked if Deb could include in a letter to the children/youth that they need to be attending Sunday School to receive their notes & gifts from their adult life lines. Deb agreed to include that in letter.

**Third Grade Bibles-** We will once again be presenting Third Grade Bibles. We only have one third grader this year. October 14th was set as the date for the presentation. Autumm will contact the family to make sure that Sunday works for them.

**Children's Christmas Program-** Program is set for Sunday, December 9, 2018 during the worship hour. Michelle is in charge of the program this year. Michelle stated that she is working on it. It will be "Christmas Around the World" themed. There will be songs incorporated and children will be learning how to say "Merry Christmas" in different languages. Some props/signs will be used.

**Festival of Trees-** Connie is in charge of the Sunday School tree this year again. The theme will be "Come to the Manger". Connie already has the ornament crafts which the children will put together on November 18th during the Sunday School hour.

**Christmas Break-** The dates for Christmas Break were set for December 23rd & 30th for no Sunday School.

**Vacation Bible School-** Autumm reported that Kelly had sent her an email stating that she would be resigning from the Christian Ed. Committee by the end of the summer. She has served the committee for a long time and would like to explore other things which is completely understandable. Autumm asked Amy if she had a chance to shadow Kelly for Vacation Bible School. Amy stated that she had and will be our church's delegate for the VBS Committee. Pastor Ed asked Amy to please let him know when the VBS Committee meets so that he may be in attendance.

**Other matters not on the agenda-** Autumm stated that she will be doing up little nametag reminders for kids that volunteer to collect quarters on Sunday mornings. It will be a reminder to the kids & the parents that they will be collecting that morning.

Autumm stated that her term serving as Chairman will soon be ending and she would like to step down as Chr. She has served many years also with teaching. She stated that she would continue to teach for another three years and stay on Christian Ed. just not as Chr. She stated that she would be willing to Co-Chr. with someone for one more term so that individual could shadow her. Amy Gustafson volunteered to Co-Chr. with Autumm.

Autumm asked Pastor Ed when Nominations Committee meets again to ask a couple more individuals to be on the Christian Ed. Committee. Pastor Ed agreed.

Date set for the next Christian Ed./Sunday School teachers meeting was set for Monday, January 7, 2019 @ 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.

Autumm Brazel  
Christian Ed. Chr. & Secretary