

Minutes from Christian Ed. Committee/Sunday School Teachers meeting January 7, 2019

PRESENT: Autumm Brazel (Co-Chr.), Amy Gustafson (Co-Chr.), Pastor Ed Frank, Connie Dallenbach, Deb Spanier (Supt.), Angela Christenson, Katie Olson, Brenda Harrold, Larry Perkins, Sarah Hertz, Michelle Rubel, Jean Murray, Amanda Tendal, Kelly Tate and Laura Todd.

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

WELCOME: Autumm welcomed everyone and thanked them all for coming. Autumm commented on how wonderful it was to have everyone in attendance.

RECOGNITION: Autumm recognized and thanked Jean Murray for all of her years teaching Sunday School as this is her last year teaching. New committee members, Sarah Hertz and Laura Todd were also recognized and thanked for joining the committee. Amy Gustafson was recognized and thanked for stepping up to serve as chairperson. Amy & Autumm will co-chr. this year to ease Amy into the position.

Items on the agenda were the following:

Teachers for the 2019-2020 year– Autumm reported that she has been working an individual to take over teaching Jean's class for next year, however, is still waiting to hear back as the individual is thinking it over. Otherwise, Autumm has a couple more people in mind to ask. Kelly Tate, Amanda Tendal, Autumm Brazel and Michelle Rubel all agreed to continue teaching for the 2019-2020 year. Amanda stated the 2019-2020 will be her last year teaching. Angie agreed to be the helper in the 4th, 5th & 6th grade class again.

Kid's Club/Vacation Bible School- Kelly Tate reported that she informed Linda Bieri to include Amy Gustafson to the emails for this committee as Kelly has resigned. Autumm thanked Kelly for all of her years working on the committee and reported there is a meeting planned for January 20 at 5 p.m. here at Laurens United Methodist Church. Pastor Ed stated that he has spoken with Linda Bieri and he has asked to be informed of future meetings as he would like to be involved in the planning.

Camp Sunday– Autumm has volunteered to take the responsibilities of Camp Sunday again this year. She will contact Lake Okoboji Camp & Retreat to set a date for them to come during the Sunday School hour and worship. Date chosen was April 7 with an alternative date of March 31 if April 7 does not work for the camp staff. Pastor Ed suggested having the camp staff attend Varina as well, however, there was some discussion on conflicting Sunday School and worship times at both churches. It was decided it would be too difficult to arrange both for Laurens UMC and Varina UMC. Michelle, Jean, Brenda, Connie, Katie, Sarah and Amy all offered to bring treats and supplies for Camp Sunday. Connie volunteered to set up and serve treats.

Confirmation– Pastor Ed reported that Confirmation Sunday will be held on April 28. There are six confirmands. It was discussed that the Worship Committee is in charge of the reception, gifts and cards for the confirmands so our committee will not need to take any volunteers for any of this.

Lifeline Reveal party- Deb Spanier plans to hold the reveal party for the youth & adult lifelines on Wed., April 24th @ 6 p.m. with a pizza party. There were many recommendations to purchase pizza from The Country Store here in town as local Pizza Ranch has closed and this is where we usually order the pizza. Deb reported that she will be recognizing Sydney Harrold and Jadelyn Richardson along with all of their past mentors as the two girls are graduating seniors this year.

Teacher Recognition & Sunday School Attendance Awards & Last day of Sunday School– May 5th was voted as to the last day of Sunday School as many teachers will be gone to attend an out-of-state graduation on May 12. Teacher Appreciation and Sunday School awards will also be held on May 5. Amanda Tendal volunteered to get flowers again for the teachers. Larry inquired about communion being held on this date. There was some discussion having communion the Sunday before along with Confirmation. Michelle stated that a past pastor had made bread with the confirmands the Wednesday before communion. There was no decision made.

High School/College Graduates gifts & cards– Pastor Ed stated that the Outreach Committee will be in charge of Graduate Sunday. Our committee will no longer be in charge of this.

Sunday School “kick-off”- Amy and Connie volunteered to be in charge of Sunday School KICK OFF together. Connie inquired about the Olympics in 2020 as she has some Olympic themed items so this could possibly be the theme. Sunday School KICK OFF will be held September 8.

Children’s Christmas Program- Autumm volunteered to be in charge of the Children’s Christmas Program this year. Angie volunteered to help with the program. Dec. 8 will be date of the Christmas Program. Autumm thanked Michelle for her work on the last Christmas Program.

Festival of Trees- Connie volunteered to be in charge of Sunday School tree for Festival of Trees again.

Other matters not on the agenda- Connie would like to do “resurrection eggs” for the Sunday School students. She is asking for donations of egg cartons. Connie would also like to do a Lenten Tree to be decorated by either Autumm’s or Amanda’s class.

Blessing of the Backpacks will be held on August 18 before school begins. Autumm asked if we still wanted to ask for bookbag donations again so if any children come to church that morning and do not have a bookbag we may give them one. Everyone agreed that we should ask for bookbag donations. If none of them are used then we will take to L-M School for students. Katie inquired about school supplies donations for inside the bookbag. Autumm stated that our committee did not ask for school supplies donations last year just the bookbags. Amanda commented that our church already collects school supplies (Church & Society). It was agreed just to ask for bookbag donations again.

Autumm inquired about Youth Group doing the Easter Sunrise Service again. Angie reported that the youth will be doing the Sunrise Service again and it should be held here at our church this year. She is trying to find a program to include around 30 kids. She stated she may have to look into dividing into 2 scripts/programs for the kids.

Date set for the next Christian Ed./Sunday School teachers meeting is Tuesday, August 13, 2019 @ 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.

Autumm Brazel
Christian Ed. Chr. & Secretary