

Children's Ministry Team Meeting

September 3, 2014

Minutes

The meeting opened with prayer at 6:30 PM and those in attendance were: Meghan Riegerix, Pastor Carl, Megan Pollard, Rhonda Smith, Judy Headley, Valerie Ray and Rhonda Linsley.

Rhonda's Mission Statement: To teach the children to love God, love others and share that love with the world.

Delegated Business & Discussions:

Praise Dancers

- Set dates for Praise Dance Specials and practices
- November 30 has been set for a Praise Dance Special that will tie in the Christmas decorating for the sanctuary and the Worship Center. Megan Pollard and Pastor Carl will get together to discuss plans. Megan also wants to do something special for Easter.

Christmas Musical Practices

- Date for "The Christmas Carol Special Report" is Dec. 14 at 10:45 AM Unity Service.
- 8 speaking parts for MS & HS, Choir will be Age 4-5th Grade & (any other MS & HS who don't have a speaking part.)
- Practices will be at 4 PM in K-5 Alive. Dates will be set once we determine how many practices we need; most likely the month of November and the first two Wednesdays in December.
- Practices for speaking parts will be worked out during Youth Group. Meghan Riegerix has polled the youth kids and has a list of those interested in speaking parts, non-speaking parts, and those wanting to be a part of the choir.

K-5 Alive Helpers

Starts October 1 and runs through April 29 (27 weeks)

- Judy Headley, Carla Grant and Karen Shearer have volunteered to help with K-5 Alive.
 - Judy will be gone the month of January and Carla will be gone Dec.-January.
 - Karen Shearer is available when she doesn't travel.
 - Linda Clement will help when she is able after 4 PM. She will try and commit during January for sure. (She substitute teaches.)
- What are the team's thoughts on allowing 4- and 5-years to the program on an as-needed basis? Rhonda Smith and Sherry Robertson might be available to help, but with them comes Evan and Joey. The team is in favor of allowing 4- and 5-year olds to tag along with adults who are volunteering with the program.
- We always need two adults and two youth helpers to have adequate help.
- Ask for snack ideas that are easy to set up and kids can self-serve. Rhonda spoke with Joan Schlanker. She is not available to be a snack coordinator. An email was sent to Betty Fink, Sandy Luzader and Melissa Knapp to help come up with snack ideas that are easy to set up and serve.

Craft Items for Mission Team's Fall Bazaar

- Show crafts and delegate individuals to make a sample craft and lead a station.
- Crafts dates will be Oct 1, 8 and 22.
 - Snowmen Christmas Ball – Rhonda Linsley (only 5th Graders)

- Oatmeal and Pringles Can Snowman – filled with cookies and candy – **Megan Pollard**
- Beaded Wreath with Cross on Pipe Cleaners (OT) – **Judy Headley**
- Candy Cane Magnet Craft Kit (OT)- kids makes 1 for Bazaar & 1 for home)- **Rhonda Smith**
- 2-tone Bead Crosses with Pipe Cleaners (Xmas Ornament) – **Emilee Butner**
- 8 Design-A-Mugs to color (6 pics per mug) – **Rhonda Linsley**
- Crepe Paper Streamers Bracelets – **Lilli Crooks**
- Canning Jar Rings Christmas ornament – **Valerie Ray**

VBS 2015

- Set date for VBS and share two theme options for discussion.
 - Everest – Conquering Challenges with God’s Mighty Power (Awesome Theme Song)
 - Cross Culture-Thailand Trek – Sharing God’s love of the world from a kid’s perspective.
- VBS date has been set for July 27-30, 2015, from 6-8:30 PM, and we will ask the Family Ministries Team to coordinate a family swim night on Friday, July 31. That was well-received and enjoyed in 2014.
- It was decided to decorate for VBS the week before again in 2015.
- Other things to consider for next VBS is only scheduling one 10-minute bathroom break; maybe have Bible Story in the opening, see about pulling in games.
- Having age groups instead of family groups was discussed. Several believe that the family groups work better for our church. It cuts down on discipline issues, allows those 4th & 5th graders to mentor the younger children, and the majority of those attending VBS are 5-7 year-olds; not enough upper elementary to make even-numbered groups.
- Other curriculum to consider: Armor of God, Bible School 1846 and “Everywhere Fun Fair,” that Mexico UMC did the summer of 2013 (Cokesbury).

Program Reports

Acolyte Program

We had our annual Pizza Party and Training on August 24. We have 18 acolytes this school year.

- Starting Sept 7, we will have acolytes serving in both services.
 - They will carry the light and Bible in and out.
 - They will serve as ushers for the offering.
 - Two of our acolytes will be wearing the light blue choir robes due to Cameron’s height. There is the possibility of the Truitt boy’s needing to do that soon, as well.
 - To manage the rotation between two services, I needed my pairs to be divisible by four. So there will be two groups of three acolytes, but the rest will be in pairs.
 - Siblings are always paired up.
 - Carl, please explain the difference between the group of 3 and sets of 2 when they serve.

Children' Church

Had two helpers step down from the Children’s Church program, but had one join. Here are the six helpers for the next schedule, which runs from September 7-February 22: Luella Brown, Mandi Brown, Kristen Burks, Peggy Chalgren, Rhonda Smith and Judy Wilson.

Sunday School

- September, October, November Teachers:
 - Preschool – John Strange

- Grades 1-2 – Matt Kauffman
- Grades 3-5 – Judy Headley / Kristen Burks
- S.S. Attendance awards for the 4th Quarter (June, July, August) will be awarded in the 10:45 service on September 14. (Weird Animals CD for elementary kids and Christian Artists CDs for MS and HS).

K-5 Alive

- Games are selected and Rhonda is preparing some new ones.
- Crafts are selected and we will need the following items for crafts for the kids and for the Nov. 8 Mission Team's Bazaar:
 - Glass jars – painted jack-o-lanterns
 - Empty Oatmeal or Pringles containers & red felt for snowmen
 - Canning jar rings for Christmas ornaments
- Curriculum has not yet been selected, but will probably use LIVE Curriculum – third quarter of a 3-year plan.
- We are awaiting a response from Camp Jo-Ota on the possibility of using their bus to provide transportation for K-5 Alive. The school has given us permission to pick up all kids at the back of the building.
- **Camp Jo-Ota's bus is not available. If there are kids that can't get transportation worked out, we will work to see what we can do to help them.**

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

- 200 boxes have been ordered and I have 20 in my office from Dana Marshall.
- What are some ideas for the dedication of these boxes on November 16th. (I think we will have too many to bring to the stage like we did last year.)

Carl suggested having everyone pick up a box as they come into worship. Carl will do some sort of dedication in the worship services.

- Sherry Robertson has been selected as a Relay Center Coordinator and the week of Nov 16-22, our church will be the new Relay Center for Macon County. We will be receiving and boxing up all the boxes from the community and getting them up to Kirksville.

The Christmas Carol Special Report Musical

- Live Nativity: Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, Shepherds & Wise Men
 - Suggestions: Stephanie Schneider & baby, McKenna Nelson, Morgan Brower, Trever Peyton
- Hoping to use the large screen TV from the HS SS room for the "on location" prop for our reporters.
- **It has been determined that we are not able to have the reporters showing up on the screen live. We can decide if we want to pre-record them to show up on the screens.**

Bell Choir Specials

- Confirm dates with Kristen Burks. – **Will email Kristen.**
- Ask Carl if he has Sept sermon topics.

Calendar Dates

Sun., Sept 14	9:40 Bell Choir Song Practice "Amazing Grace"
Sun., Sept 14	10:45 Service, 4 th Quarter SS Attendance Awards
Sun., Sept 21	Both Services, Children's Bell Choir Special "Amazing Grace"
Sun., Sept 28	Operation Christmas Child Intro in Announcements with Intro Video
Wed., Oct 1	3:15-5:00 PM First day of K-5 Alive

Wed., Oct 8	3:15-5:00 PM, K-5 Alive
Sun., Oct 12	OCC 2 nd video in Announcements (“20 year History”)
Wed., Oct 15	3:15-5:00 PM, K-5 Alive
Wed., Oct 22	3:15-5:00 PM, K-5 Alive
Wed., Oct 29	3:15-5:00 PM, K-5 Alive
Wed., Nov 5	3:15-5:00 PM, K-5 Alive Christmas Program practice at 4 PM
Wed., Nov. 12	3:15-5:00 PM, K-5 Alive Christmas Program practice at 4 PM
Sun., Nov 16	9:40 Bell Choir Song Practice
Sun., Nov 16	Both Services, Some sort of dedication for OCC Shoe Boxes
Nov. 16-22	Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Collection Week
Wed., Nov. 19	3:15-5:00 PM, K-5 Alive Christmas Program practice at 4 PM
Sun., Nov 23	Both Services, Bell choir Special “We Gather Together.”
Sun., Nov 30	Praise Dancers in both Services
Wed., Dec. 3	3:15-5:00 PM, K-5 Alive Christmas Program practice at 4 PM
Sun., Dec 7	19:45 – 1 st Quarter SS Attendance Awards
Wed., Dec 10	3:15-5:00 PM, K-5 Alive Christmas Program practice at 4 PM
Sun., Dec 14	10:45 Unity Service, Christmas Program
Wed., Dec 17	3:15-5:00 PM K-5 Alive – Bell Choir Practice at 4:00 _____ ?
Wed., Dec 24	5:00 PM, Bell Choir Special “_____” Christmas Eve Service ?