

Children & Youth Team Minutes

May 7, 2014

Children's Ministry: by Rhonda Linsley

Rhonda's Mission Statement

To teach the children to love God, love others and share that love with the world. To teach the children to memorize scripture that will affect the way they live their lives.

Our meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Those in attendance were Rhonda Linsley, Kristen Burks, and Valerie Ray.

Children' Church

Have any of you noticed a difference in the children since we started doing C-C in the sanctuary in January?

Kristen shared that she feels the kids are eager to go to children's church and they seem to like having it in the sanctuary.

The following are things that Rhonda has noticed or has heard from others:

- The kids seem more eager to go to C-C.
- The kids seem to be maturing and not running around as much. They are learning respect for the building (our house of worship.)
- They love the music and we are doing more specials because we are getting more time to work on music.
- Kids want to join C-C to participate in the singing.

Sunday School

- June, July, August
 - Preschool – John Strange
 - Grades 1-2 – Sherwin Dent / Karen Shearer
 - Grades 3-5 – Jeff & Rhonda Linsley
- Jeff and Rhonda are considering using the Heaven is For Real curriculum for Grades 3-5 during part of the summer. (The kids need a change.)
- Rhonda copied a "Good Question" article from the Sept/Oct issue of Children's Ministry to give to the Sunday School teachers. This article emphasized the importance of asking questions that prompt the children to think more deeply about their faith.
- S.S. Attendance awards for the 4th Quarter (March, April, May) will be awarded in the 10:45 service on June. 8. (Think I will do ice cream cones from Miller Drug). We will also do promotion certificates that Sunday and recognize SS Teachers for the summer.

K-5 Alive

Rhonda gave the K-5 Alive kids and helpers a survey to complete on the last day of K-5 Alive. Here are some notes from what she gained from their comments.

- We need more time for Bible Verse memorization. Maybe if we pulled some of the activities from the Bible Study curriculum and did that during the game time, it would free up some time to focus on the scripture.
- Move games to the end of the program for only 10 minutes. Having games at the end, might also entice some of the kids to stay on task during the Bible study time.
- Reciting last week's verse during snack time each week would help them remember the verses more.
- Give incentives for Bible Verse memorization.
- Need to research games or activities that would aid in scripture memorization.
- The small groups are well-liked, especially when I send groups to different rooms. The kids are able to focus better in that separated quiet atmosphere.
- We might try pulling non-readers into separate rooms with helpers during the small group time, and letting the 3rd-5th Graders remain in the K-5 Alive Room so they can read the scriptures to themselves. A couple kids said they would prefer to read themselves, rather than having someone read to them. Many kids are able to respond more in discussion when they actually are reading the material themselves.
- Eliminate some of the question time from the curriculum so that the Bible Study is no more than 20 minutes long. (30- to 40- minutes is too long after being in school all day.)

Rhonda needs to search for homemade hand-cream or hand cleaner recipe that Stephanie mentioned previously to consider using that as a craft idea for the mission team's bazaar.

Judy Headley and Karen Shearer have committed to serving in K-5 Alive for the 2014-2015 school year.

Rhonda will be looking for 3 youth helpers for next year.

VBS

VBS is set for July 28 – 31, from 6-8:30 p.m, supper served at 5:30

- View copy of schedule. (Valerie will help Rhonda with a printing issue she is having with the VBS schedule.)
- First major order has been received.
- It was about \$800 cheaper than last year.
- Rhonda is going to start recruiting the next two weeks.
 - Working on Sign Up Sheet for bulletin & selecting recruiting videos for May 18 announcements.
 - Valerie Ray will help Rhonda with VBS recruiting, and has set a goal of June 10th to staff VBS.

Calendar Dates

Sun., May 11	9:40 Bell Choir Practice "Circle of Life"
Sun., May 18	Both Services, Bell Choir special "Circle of Life" VBS recruiting Video – both services
Sun., June 8	10:45 Service, 3 rd Quarter SS Attendance Awards & Promotion Certs.
Sun., June 15	Children's Choir Special, "In Jesus' Name", both services.
Sun., June 29	Unity Service, Children's Bell Choir Song – "_____"

M-F, July 28-31	6-8:30 p.m. VBS
Sun., Aug 3	Special VBS Music in both Services
Sun., Aug 31	Both Services, Children's Choir Special (A VBS song)
Sun., Aug 31	? Acolyte Training at 12:30 p.m. after the Unity Service
Thurs., Sept 4	Order Operation Christmas Child Boxes and Promo Materials
Sun., Sept 14	10:45 Service, 4 th Quarter SS Attendance Awards
Sun., Sept 21	Both Services, Children's Choir Special "_____"
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
Sun., Oct 26	Both Services, Bell Choir Special (possibly "El Shaddai") with soloists.
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 p.m.
Sun., Nov 9	9:40 Bell Choir practice "We Gather Together."
Sun., Nov 9	10:45 Operation Christmas Child Dedication of Shoe Boxes (Song Choice: "Children of God" by Third Day)
Wed., Nov 12	3:15-5:00 PM, K-5 Alive – Christmas Program practice at 4 p.m.
Sun., Nov 16	Both Services, Bell Choir Special "We Gather Together."
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 p.m.
Wed., Dec 3	3:15-5:00 PM, K-5 Alive – Christmas Program practice at 4 p.m.
Sun., Dec 7	10:45 – 1 st Quarter SS Attendance Awards.
Wed., Dec 10	3:15-5:00 PM, K-5 Alive – Christmas Program practice at 4 p.m.
Sun., Dec 14	8:45 and 10:45 Worship Services, 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