

Christian Education Committee Meeting- May 25, 2011

Present- Leah Jantz, Debbie McCuaig, Lanny Knutson, Rebecca Schultz

1. Opening Devotion- Leah. 1 Timothy 3, 1-10. Discussion.
2. Call to order - 7:21pm
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Feb.22 minutes
5. Budget Update- Leah
 - \$250 left in travel, \$250 left in member development, \$312.53 left in workshop development as of March 31, 2011. We have budgeted for the questionnaire, but this was not included in report. As a committee, we have spent ~\$350.
6. Faith Ink Workshop- Leah
 - After everything was paid for there was \$181.98 left in surplus, it was put back into the grant foundation.
7. Curriculum Comparison Chart
 - Bible Song resource materials have been added to the materials
 - It was suggested that we do not add it to the chart until it is being used. All the ones on the chart are curriculums that have been used and "liked." It was suggested that we wait until we get the questionnaires back to decide whether or not to add Bible Song to the Curriculum Comparison Chart.
 - Lanny brought up that most congregations usually stick with what they have when it comes to curriculum. Do congregations know the chart is available?
8. Questionnaire
 - Hard copies were handed out. Changes decided upon: Add bigger boxes to #4, 5, 6, 7, 8. Question #4 changed to : "What do you currently offer for Christian Education?" Add a yes or no beside each one.
 - Add space to make comments in all questions.
 - Add "Other" to #4 and add "worship" to #5.
 - At the top of the questionnaire, add- "Please use back of this page for more writing space."
 - #7 – each subject on a separate line.
 - For #8 add suggestions such as workshops, material resources, special additions to curriculum, adult Bible study material.
 - Cover letter for questionnaire will be short, simple, and to the point. It will include an introduction of the Christian Education Committee and state the goal of questionnaire.
 - The questionnaire will be sent out in late September. It was agreed that we do both e-mail and mail, Lanny suggested that we ask about putting it in Crossword. Leah will ask Rick if this is do-able. Debbie suggested we offer a prize for quick responses. Debbie will work on e-mail blurb and cover letter.

- The questionnaire will be sent on Synod letterhead. The money for photocopying and postage will be taken out of our budget. Next meeting will correspond with sending out the questionnaire.

9. Confirmation Resources/Workshop material

- Leah read out an e-mail she received from Larry Ulrich re: Sermon notes for Confirmation students and Share, Save, Spend Workshop. Larry's daughter, Rebecca, is willing to do this workshop for us. The CEC would be the facilitator for this workshop. Has the stewardship committee been approached about the workshop? Could we team up with them? What kind of support would Rebecca need from us? Location, promotion, snacks, etc. Leah will contact Larry with these questions, and to let him know that we are interested and willing.

-Sermon notes- Lanny suggested that it be posted online for download, through Crossword, MNO website.

10. Resource Library- Tabled until we receive responses from the questionnaire.

11. Directives for the Committee from the MNO Synod

Tackling poverty-

Fostering hope in rural settings- Reaching out to every congregation in the Synod with the questionnaire, resources online, Faith Ink Workshop had rural congregation

Strengthening lay and rostered leadership- Faith Ink Workshop, future workshops, questionnaire

Empowering congregations- Questionnaire, Faith Ink Workshop and future workshops

Answering spiritual hunger of world-

How can we partner with other committees in achieving these goals?

12. Next Meeting- Thursday, September 22 (tentative)

13. Tasks

Questionnaire Cover Letter- Debbie

Reply to Pastor Larry, and be in touch with Rick Scherger regarding Crossword- Leah

Devotion for next meeting- Rebecca

14. Meeting adjourned 8:21pm.