

Christian Education Committee Meeting- September 9,2010

Present: Leah Jantz, Rebecca Schultz, Pastor Lanny Knutson

1. Call to Order

- Commenced at 7:16pm
- Pastor Lanny opened with Devotion

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Approval of Minutes of June 2 2009 meeting minutes

4. Budget Update

- Budget is broken down into 3 parts: KHK, Learning Modules, Meeting/teleconference/travel
 - Meeting/teleconference/traveling: (250.00)
 - KHK: 56.88
 - Learning Modules: (250.00)
- = \$443.12 to spend before the end of the year.

5. Filling Vacant Positions on our Committee

- Leah spoke to Synod office, and they have not appointed a Synod Liason for our Committee yet. Leah spoke to Pastor Carol and she said that they will discuss at next Synod Council meeting, on Sept.16.
- Leah spoke to Pastor Debbie from Starbuck regarding our vacant position. Position has to be filled by a lay person. Pastor Debbie will keep us informed if there is anyone available from Starbuck. Synod Executive is aware that there is still a vacant position. Leah has been asking people, but to no avail. Pastor Lanny suggested that we approach people on our own. Would be ideal if this person was from a rural congregation, but not necessary. If person is from a rural community, would tele-conferencing be an option?

6. Future Mission and Goals

- Leah read out Christian Education Committee Mission.
- What are some future goals of the committee, now that KHK is not a top priority anymore?
- Leah will contact Margie in regards to the contact person for the curriculum comparison charts. The charts are available online, we don't know if they are being used. It is an overview of curriculum available from Augsburg.
- Lanny will contact Jackie (contact from Augsburg) to see if she will update curriculum overview that is on the MNO website.
- Leah suggested that we ask congregations what their needs are in regards to Christian Education. She suggested using our budget money to send out an information sheet asking the congregation what they would like to see us help them with.
- Leah will send out a questionnaire to all 67 MNO congregations via mail.
- The questionnaire will consist of : Name (sunday school superintendant, or other contact), kind of curriculum they use for all areas, are they aware of the KHK program, if so, are they using it? Have they seen the curriculum comparison chart? Do they use it? Have they seen the learning modules available on the MNO website? Have they used them? What can the Christian Ed. committee do to help their ministry?

7. Faith Inkubators Workshop

- Leah was contacted by Pearl Wintoniw of St. Paul's about Faith Inkubators. It is a confirmation instruction program, uses a lot of technology, powerpoints, short, the the point. The theme is Head to Heart)- Connect what you are learning to your actions.
- Workshop will be at Sherwood Park in January. Date TBA. Cost to be ~\$2400 to bring someone in from Stillwater, MN to do workshop. Faith, Sherwood Park, St. Mark's, Prince of Peace, St. Paul's all want to be involved in workshop.
- Cost- MNO is offering a grant, and Pastor Larry was confident that Pearl would get the grant. The congregations involved would be responsible for some of the cost. Pearl wanted ideas from us as to how to go about paying for the workshop.
- Leah will post something on Crossword to promote the workshop, she spoke to Pastor Bruce at Faith and Pastor AnneMarie at Abundant Life. Workshop is open to congregations who are interested in using it, or are using it. Pearl is asking the committee to support her work. To show support it was suggested that we could possibly go to the workshop ourselves, or offer to provide snacks.

8. Cameroon Companion Synod Project- KHK

- Sunday Schools involved: Ostenfeld Lutheran, Messiah, Trinity Lutheran, Abundant Life, Pinawa, Selkirk Evangelical, Gloria Dei, Grace, St. Mark's, Trinity Bergland.
- Sunday schools have been asking if they can send physical items (toothbrushes, etc.), Leah has been telling them to contribute to other areas of need in the church (mitten tree, etc.)
- Rebecca updated on Companion Synod Committee. There is now an education initiative. The MNO will now give \$1000 per year to KHK to go specifically to Education.
- New Role for CEC with KHK- CEC will be there to support the Companion Synod Committee in moving forward with the KHK program.

9. Next Meeting

- Thursday, November 4, 2010 at 7pm at Messiah.

10. Meeting Adjourned 8:23pm