

Faith Development Meeting

Date: Sept. 11, 2017
 Convener
 Recorder: Ashley Cochrane
 Members Present: Ashley Cochrane, Jenny Hobson, Jenny Bromley, Kelly Madden, Jane Mecham
 Staff Present: Rachel Small Stokes
 Guests Present:
 Members Absent:
 Staff Absent: Chris McKenzie
 Next meeting: Sunday, October 1, 2017 after church

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Decisions Made</u>	<u>Action Needed</u>	<u>By Whom</u>	<u>Follow-up Date</u>
<u>Devotional</u>	Jenny H. shared a remarkably contemporary prayer, written by Teresa of Avila in the 16 th century.			
<u>Report on Church Council Meeting</u>	Jenny B. reported on plans for stewardship campaign. The coordinators are looking for people to tell stories of what the church has meant to them in one paragraph to print in the bulletin. People should send their paragraph to Rachel, if they have one to share.			
<u>Financial Reports</u>	Rachel reviewed the Faith Development board financial records for this year. Jenny H. proposed that we begin paying Maggie Park for her work with the Youth Group, as she is a regular weekly volunteer, and we depend on her work. Consensus is to pay Maggie for up to 3 hours a week, if that's how much she works. Rachel will gather information about how many hours per week she works and how much it will cost to pay her at \$12.50 an hour, and Rachel will move this forward with Dave and wherever else it needs to go. Paying Maggie is a priority for FD board.	Follow up with Dave and present to church council	Rachel	Before next church council
<u>Rekindling the Spirit</u>	Only downside: audio not working on video, but people could watch it on line. Positives: enough food, but not too much. Delicious. Program went smoothly; Jenny H. kept presenters to their time limits. It			

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was a positive regathering. We don't know if it resulted in people volunteering for any of the opportunities. We think at least 100 people were there. All the tables were full.

All Y'All Faith Events for this academic year

Ideas:

- Trip to Baldwin Farms for all ages. Kelly will coordinate logistics and communicate with Rachel.
- Computer clinic for elders, led by youth. YAC = Youth-Assisted Computing. Bring your own computer. Rachel will talk with Chris McKenzie when he gets back. Idea for a Wednesday night. Rachel will start asking for people who are willing to help.
- Advent Calendar making. Keep it simple. Like a paper chain with a quote and word on it. And, string popcorn.
- Valentine's Day – chocolate and making Valentines and read poetry. Send the Valentines to members of the church.

- Decide place and time and publicize
- Talk to youth about whether they want this as a project; if not, solicit others to help
- TBD at next meeting

- Kelly (with assistance from Rachel and Joan)
- Rachel
- TBD

Nursery coverage and hire

Jenny H. is finding coverage for this Weds. and next 2 weeks after that.
 Hiring: Rachel will contact applicants about setting up an interview and will contact Jenny B. to be at the interviews with her.
 Hope seems to be doing ok on her own, with supplementary help.

Jenny and Rachel

Discussion of BLE and VBS

Discussed success of BLE from this past year and possibility of continuing next year with changes, as determined by the planning group. Discussed that BLE and VBS have different content and serve different populations. Acknowledged that Union Church does not have the volunteer capacity to do both. Discussed possibility of combining with another church for VBS. Will discuss this again at a later date.

Talk to First Christian about combining VBS efforts

Rachel

Changing meeting time

Will change meetings to Sundays after church. Next meeting on Sunday, Oct. 1 after church. Jenny H. and Rachel will arrange meeting agenda with items that we can cover without Rachel to

- Write Joan
- Set agenda

- Rachel
- Jenny H.

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come first, as it will take Rachel a little while to get here right after church.

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