

**Cornerstone Children and Youth Team Meeting Notes**  
**January 29th, 2018 6:30 PM Cornerstone UMC**

**Attendance: Chair - Caleb Schmidt, Vice Chair - Sandy Untied, Leah Madsen, Sherry Quist, Michelle Rowell**

**Centering** – Caleb opened in prayer.

**1. Recap**

- a. We discussed December and January's activities.
- b. From the fruit basket deliveries, the youth received almost 30 thank you cards.
- c. It was mentioned that the Advent Family Fun night interfered with practicing for the Christmas Program. We came up with two possible options to help alleviate the conflict. One is to have the Family Fun Night the Wednesday between the Christmas Program and the Christmas Break. The second option is to make sure the practice is schedule to happen before the family fun night.
- d. There was mixed emotion about whether it was good or whether it was too much having the breakfast with Santa, Christmas Program, and Living Nativity all in one weekend.
- e. The Youth Lock-In was a success with 11 students. Caleb and Megan were chaperons.

**2. Old Business**

- a. Youth Missions Trip - June 27-July 7<sup>th</sup> The Youth had a meeting January 19<sup>th</sup> with Springfield youth. They brainstormed a rough draft for a packing list for homeless handout kits. We will be collecting items for the kits over the next couple of month and assembling them sometime in April. Various fundraiser were discussed. There will be Casey's Pizza and Donut punch cards for sale from the youth and at the Connexion desk. The shareholder's banquet will be most likely in the first weekend in May as it was Last year. Caleb will be also be seeking grants and donations from community organizations, businesses, and individuals to help fund the cost of the bus and ministry materials. The students will be covering their own individual costs plus raising money for the trip as a whole.
- b. From the budget of \$4400.00 that was requested we only received \$3000.00. After looking over the budget, we were able to rework the budget to total \$3000.00. Sandy Untied approved the budget. Leah second it.
- c. The issue of children's church was tabled at the prior meeting. After some discussion it was decided that there wasn't necessarily a need for children's church, but definitely a need to recognize and/or incorporate children in our Sunday service. The team was in favor of having a 5 min children's sermon during the service on Sunday. Caleb will discuss this with Pastor Josh to see what might work best.
- d. The name of the Wednesday night children program was table and at the last meeting. The team was not able to come up with a catchy acronym for FIRE. It was expressed

how much they liked the name FROG from past years. We decided to continue to brainstorm and have a coherent name that we could kick off next school year with.

- e. Bulletin Board. There was an expressed need by the trustees to update the children and youth bulletin board to make it more modern and/or at the very least have some written information about our Wednesday night programming. Caleb will work with Helen Quist, who keeps the board up to date, to add this info to our bulletin Board.

### **3. New Business**

- a. Starting in January we lost our 3&4 grade teacher and our 5&6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. We still have not found a permanent replacement. Until we do, we will need to continue to find subs. Sandy Untied agreed to Feb 6<sup>th</sup> for 5&6<sup>th</sup> grade. Caleb will check with Marilee about 3&4<sup>th</sup> grade.
- b. As a new year has started Caleb wanted to clarify who was still on the youth and children's team and for how long. Kris Henspeter is no longer willing to volunteer on the team. Since Chuck Neubeck has not been to any meetings and has not replied to any emails in the last year he will be dropped from the team. This leaves us with current members being: Caleb Schmidt, Sandy Untied, Leah Madsen, Sherry Quist, Michelle Rowell, and Ellie Shaw. With these changes, the term end dates would need to be shifted around or changed to a one year term length with an automatic renewal. The team was in favor of keeping it to a 3 year term. Caleb expressed that he thought this would be still a good sized team, but if anybody wanted to join or if there is someone that might be a good fit to let him know. This information will be relayed to Pastor Josh and the nominating committee to make any changes needed.

### **4. Other Business**

- a. Next Family Fun Night is Ash Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup>. It was brought up that we would like to have the kids and families do something that was related to a service project or mission work. We will talk to Rennae Peterson and continue to brainstorm ideas.

- 5. **Next meeting** – Feb 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 6:30pm

**Sandy closed in prayer**