

Education and Spiritual Growth Team
Meeting Minutes – January 18, 2011

The meeting of the Education and Spiritual Growth Team convened at 7:20 PM in the library. Present were John Brown, Margie Dale, Sandy Kronmüller, Allyson Siegel, Sue Zografos and Jeffrey Deal. The meeting opened with prayer.

1. The rotation Sunday School is still in need of teachers for February classes with the topic "The Good Samaritan." The March theme will be "The Open Tomb." January classes are adequately staffed.
2. Allyson S. and Julie Schmitt will be out for the two Sundays on either end of the February Winter break. John Brown may be able to cover the Jr./Sr. high classes.
3. The Shrove Tuesday Potato Pancake Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8th.
4. Allyson has offered to make an announcement in worship to encourage adult volunteers for Sunday School teachers, possibly before the children's sermon.
5. The youth led service is scheduled for May 15th with the theme "Teach Us to Pray." There will not be dancing as part of the worship service. The Jr./Sr. high classes will end on May 8th and the rotation Sunday School classes will continue for two weeks more.
6. With respect to Sunday morning Adult Ed., the study of Daniel will continue for two to three weeks. The subsequent curricula/topic has not been chosen at this time.
7. A survey of church families with youth covering the topics of communication and programming is almost completed. Those working the survey include John, Greg Hall and Wendy Peek.
8. The mission trip to *Project Hospitality* on Staten Island is scheduled for July 24 - 30. The Algonquin Canoe Trip is scheduled for June 26 - July 2. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 10 - 17 with the following Sunday worship dedicated to VBS. John is encouraging the youth to participate in a 30 hour fast on Feb. 25/26 and a Duffield youth retreat is scheduled for March 25 - 27.
9. Concerns were expressed about aligning the themes of the after worship community forums with the children's after worship activities so that the topics would attract the parents of younger children. There was also a discussion on trying to better coordinate the New Testament scripture verse, sermon topic and rotational S.S. topic to reinforce the lessons that are presented.

Respectfully Submitted,

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