

Education and Spiritual Growth Team
Meeting Minutes – March 15, 2011

The meeting of the Education and Spiritual Growth Team convened at 7:10 PM in the choir room. Present were John Brown, Margie Dale, Allyson Siegel, Sue Zografos and Jeffrey Deal. The meeting opened with prayer.

1. John began with a synopsis of his activities with the youth. There have been 3 - 4 youth in attendance on a weekly basis. There are two months left in the program with the last meeting scheduled for May 19th. He is preparing for the Duffield retreat scheduled for the final weekend of March. A Mystery Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, the youth led worship service is coming up May 15th and the summer activities include the canoe trip at the end of June, Vacation Bible School, the NYC mission trip and a day or two at Kingdom Bound at Darien Lake. He is doing well with the core group but looking to expand the attendance. The canoe trip and mission trip are fully booked.
2. Cornerstone Manor is becoming a monthly mission event with a number of youth committed to the activity.
3. Surveys have been completed and Rev. Hall will discuss the results with the Session. The highest attendance is Sundays and John and Rev. Hall will work a plan. As far as communication, email works best with parents and text messaging for the youth.
4. With respect to teachers, we are set for April and may need 1 or 2 for May. The Sunday morning adult ed. class is tackling the "Sermon on the Mount" which will carry through the end of the academic year. A suggestion was made that we provide sign-up sheets after the youth led worship service to recruit teaching volunteers. Sue Z. suggested that the service might have more impact if it were held on alternate years rather than yearly, and perhaps at a different time of the year. She also said that she would inquire about the duration of the community forums as compared to the duration of the after worship youth activities.
5. A discussion ensued as to whether we should establish goals and roles for the coming academic year at the end of the prior year, when successes and failures are fresh in our minds. It might also be helpful to have a joint team meeting between Education and Spiritual Growth and the Worship team in order to coordinate the worship themes throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey T. Deal