

Education and Spiritual Growth Team
Meeting Minutes – May 17, 2011

The meeting of the Education and Spiritual Growth Team convened at 7:20 PM in the choir room. Present were John Brown, Debbie Gardiner, Allyson Siegel, Sue Zografos and Jeffrey Deal. The meeting opened with prayer.

1. Allyson and Sue discussed class sizes for the rotational Sunday School next year based upon the number of active students in each grade level.
2. Mary Scalzi will contact people who have expressed interest in teaching Sunday School to solicit their preferences for calendar slots.
3. The tentative schedule for Jr./Sr. High Sunday School in the Fall is Sept. 11, 18, 25, two weekends in October and Nov. 13 and 27 with one class in December. The youth will remain in worship for communion on December 4th. The choir will have special music on Dec. 11th. For 2012 the dates are Jan. 15, 22; Feb. 12, 19, 26; Mar. 11, 18, 25; Apr. 15, 22, 29 after which Jr./Sr. High classes end.
4. John distributed a Youth Sunday Recruitment Plan which is attached to these minutes. He also summarized the results of the Parent/Youth Survey. Some of the main points are:
 - a. For communication, parents prefer e-mail or printed matter; youth prefer telephone or text messages.
 - b. For elementary students he is planning a monthly program on Thursday nights.
 - c. For middle school students he is planning a weekly program on a weeknight.
 - d. For high school students the program will be monthly on a weekend.
 - e. Some suggestions were activities such as bowling and family dinners.
 - f. The survey highlighted the fact that Clarence Presbyterian is a diverse church where members would like something for everyone, but old youth program models don't work.

The meeting ended at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey T. Deal

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Announcement / Youth Sunday Recruitment Descriptions

2011 – 2012 All Church Events

We're planning to get together one and all here at the church building and elsewhere. We'll need help facilitating activities from the Corn Roast and Line Dancing to Bowling and Lasertron.

Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
Corn Roast	Babysitting	Bowling	VBS
Line Dancing	Lasertron	Church Picnic	
	Ping Pong		

2011 – 2012 Elementary Programs

We'll need all the help we can get with our kids this year. Continuing our evening Family night themes and adding a couple more things we'll need your help with meal preparation and supervision of activities during events.

Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
Birthday Bash	South of the Border	Big Hair Night	VBS
Halloween Party	Grand Prix	Easter Egg Hunt	Mission Activity
Turkey Bowl	Olympics		
	Family Sledding		
	Tree Trimming		

2011 – 2012 High School Events (Junior and Senior High)

Help guide our youth on their own spiritual journey, by volunteering at one of our youth events. Junior and Senior High programs will range from Duffield retreats and Lock-in Ministry Nights to some new activities such as Floor Hockey and Whitewater rafting.

Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
Lockin/OCC (JH)	Floor Hockey (JH)	Whitewater Trip	VBS
Lockin/Pies (SH)	Cornerstone	Duffield (JH)	Canoe Trip (SH)
Duffield (JH)	Shrove Tuesday (SH)	Duffield (SH)	Iona Trip (SH)
Duffield (SH)	Scrapbooking	Cornerstone	3 Day Mission (JH)
Cornerstone Manor			

2011 – 2012 Table Talks

New for this next Christian Education year, are Table Talks. The first Sunday afternoon of each month the church youth will stay for lunch and a talk about a current hot topic or spiritual issue. We could use help with discussion groups after a talk, meal preparation and guest speakers on specific issues.

Fall	Winter	Spring
Bullying	Depression	Wise Choices
Parents	Social Media	Devotions
	Relationships	Alcohol