

Education and Spiritual Growth Team  
Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2011

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

1. The opening Sunday of the education year went well. The 3rd and 4th grade class is large. Junior high attendance was eight for the first week and seven for the second.
2. The senior high class is staffed for teachers, but teachers are needed for the junior high class. John is teaching for four weeks and the curriculum is set.
3. Sue is recruiting adults for the 3 and 4 year-old room in order to allow rotation. Mary Scalzi did a great job setting up the schedule and presently there are only 2 children attending regularly. The nursery is growing.
4. Youth Report - John is beginning the Table Talk series with Lemuel Graham to lead a discussion on surviving middle school, with an emphasis on bullying. This event will take place after the second worship service on Oct. 2nd. The Table Talk event planned for December will focus on depression.
5. John has also started a monthly newsletter that covers events and includes topics for conversation between adults and youth. "Youth Spotlight" will focus on the Table Talk events.
6. Family Nights - the first event theme will be the story of Esther with "make your own dinner." October will have a Halloween theme. November will focus on the story of Ruth with a turkey craft and December will include tree trimming and a craft to create photographic tree ornaments.
7. A road rally has tentatively been planned for Oct. 8th or 9th. John is trying once again to recruit attendees for the hunger banquet in Orchard Park. A Duffield retreat is planned for October 28 - 30 and upcoming lock-ins will be tied to ministry events.
8. Thus far there are 14 youth and six adults who have expressed an interest in the Iona trip next year, from July 20 - 29. The canoe trip may be scheduled for June 25th.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey T. Deal