

## DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 12, 2019

7:00 p.m.

### Members:

Lisa Bansen-Harp (Deacon)

Sheila Svoboda (DCFM)

Marian Wahl (Deacon)

Mallory Gray (Youth Coordinator)

Jon Hauerwas (Pastor)

Ed Labbe (Elder)

Cathy Melver

Rae Leonard

### Guest:

Kara Hauerwas

### Opening Prayer

Approval of October minutes

Approval of Agenda

### UPDATES:

#### **YOUTH EDUCATION/ACTIVITIES – Mallory Gray**

- Hike/Campfire – 10/13/19 at Seiberling Nature Realm – Review  
4 kids + Jamie and Mallory went for a hike and enjoyed donuts and cider afterward.
- December event - Advent Family night. After the rehearsal and the potluck, there will be activities in the youth room (since the kids will be done with the meal before their parents...). The children will make Advent scenes on blocks, and there will be a "hot chocolate bar." We will show the movie *The Star*, the donkey's-eye view of the Christmas story.
- Vision-Admin Team / Volunteer Update  
Mallory will meet with parents of youth and tweens soon.
- 2020 Confirmation plans.  
--10 sessions in winter / spring  
--So far Gabi and Amaya have indicated an interest.
- Mission Trip 2020:  
--Options and planning update: Mallory is planning to get input from the youth parents on 11/17.  
--Fundraising: \$7600 currently available in the Youth programming fund.

#### **PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY – Marian Wahl**

- Update: A quilt was given to the baby baptized last Sunday. The quilters are meeting again this Tuesday.

#### **ADULT EDUCATION - Rae Leonard**

- Status on video series on Buddhism in November in room 106:  
Holly Christensen (Buddhist) is running the class. It has been well-attended (around 20).
- Rae will be teaching in December. Tentative topic for Advent: "Christmas: God's Promise is Fulfilled."

- Jon will be teaching in January and February, a series on ‘scary Scriptures,’ passages that people often find difficult to deal with.

### **CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES – Sheila Svoboda**

- Children’s & Family Ministry Team – Update  
Team meeting was Sunday, Oct. 20 after church.
- Book Study for teachers is going well, with 6 participants.
- Library Conversations –
  - Last session a recap of the Suicide Prevention Program, with an open and supportive discussion of parental concerns surrounding the issue.
  - Mallory: discussion of issues for couples.
- Reverse Halloween Party at Rockynol – 10/26/19 – The event went well. Next year we will add a parade so that more residents can see and interact with the children.
- Rockynol is interested in our idea of a Valentines activity with the children. We will try to schedule it for the Saturday before Valentine’s Day.
- Advent Family Night (Pageant Rehearsal / Potluck / Activities) 12/1/19 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. – see details above under ‘Youth Education.’
- Christmas Pageant including toy donation – 12/15/19 at 10:30 a.m.
  - Motion to Session to approve toy collection.
- *Our Whole Lives: Sexuality and Our Faith* training plans for three teachers/facilitators. Training will be arranged for the spring of 2020.
  - Mallory Gray
  - Andi Jopperi
  - Brian Rodabaugh
- Properties is considering Discipleship recommendation to install a camera in the toddler room, but has not yet committed.

### **LIBRARY REFRESH - Cathy Melver**

- Survey on library use – 10 surveys have been returned to date.  
Common themes: children’s materials; reference materials; Bible studies and devotionals; materials that tie into Sunday school topics.
- Cathy recommends having a new system in place for logging books (in the current log book, there are two systems) before we put out a call for new / updated books in specific areas. We would need more volunteers to help log books in.

### **CHURCH-WIDE DISCIPLESHIP EVENTS**

- February 29, 2020: Was to be Soup Fest and Jeopardy, Westminster Edition.
  - Need to start planning. We will need to change the entertainment unless someone comes forward to lead the planning for Jeopardy, Westminster Edition.
  - Sheila and Mallory will talk to Val about ideas and budget at the next staff meeting.
- Fellowship: Goal is to gather people every two-three months for an outing or dinner.
  - Bill Melver hosted dinner at Rockynol Stonebridge Grill. About 20 people participated.
  - Springs will be starting Dinner Groups soon.
  - Labbe/Vuchak/Spring considering planning Winter dinner event with Childcare (in late January?)

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Weathervane Playhouse Teen Suicide Prevention Artistic/Educational Program: Nov 3 - Review
  - How much of \$386.40 local Pentecost funds used for expenses/advertising? Mallory will check on the exact price of the banner, but it looks like there will be about \$300 left to donate to a youth program or an organization like NAMI. Mallory will look for a local organization, and Cathy will talk with the adolescent medicine team at Children's Hospital for suggestions.
- Eberts Lecture – June 2020
  - Will Willimon - June 6-7, 2020. He could lecture on Sunday morning before worship, preach, and lecture again after worship.
  - He usually does not receive less than \$1,000 to \$2,000. We have \$2500 in the Eberts Lecture budget. With anticipated distributions over the next year, we should have almost \$3,500. We can also reach out to other congregations for participation and funding assistance for a well-known speaker.
- Claudine Schooley's disability class is now a 12-week class in Room 106 at Westminster from 3-4 pm, beginning November 18 and ending March 16

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Kara Hauerwas (Guest) presented a follow-up to Andi Jopperi's inquiry about the possibility of Westminster offering a family camp next summer. Sheila and Kara Hauerwas visited Camp Wakonda (a PCUSA—a ministry of Christ Presbyterian in Canton). Most of the week-long sleep-over camps are for children, not whole families, though there may be limited family opportunities on the 2020 schedule.
- The Rev. Benjamin George, pastor of First Presbyterian in Minerva, is the camp director and has been very responsive. This coming summer's focus is 'This is Our Prayer.' The theme is incorporated into varied activities for different age levels.  
The camp is on Leesville Lake. A lifeguard is on duty.  
The pastor / director would be willing to come speak to the congregation (and perhaps preach). We will look at possible dates in Feb. / March, after the camp schedule for 2020 has been established, but before registration.  
Kara has checked out other possibilities in the region that include whole families, but it is difficult to find ones that have week-long programs for families. Others' facilities are problematic.  
WPC has a critical mass of children in grades 3-5, so there would be a possibility to have kids go as a group to the week-long camp. The cost is around \$400 per participant.
- Phil Fry is taking on a leadership role for Hanging of the Greens. He will need help from Discipleship for the December 1 event. On Nov. 24, the Tweens will be helping to bring down the greens. Marian and Lisa will help.

Closing Prayer

Next meeting – December 10, 2019 at 7 p.m.