

Christian Education Team Minutes

11-8-2022

The Christian Education Team met on November 11th at 7:00 with the following members present: Pastor Brittany, Laura Flynn and Beth Whitney

The following items were discussed:

- Thanksgiving Breakout: Laura shared that plans that are in place for “Passport to Fun” on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Participants will play games from around the world.
- Christmas Program: Laura discussed that the Children’s Program will be presented at the children’s service at 3:30 on Christmas Eve. There will be interactive songs and a sermon, along with the message from the Children’s Program.
- Pastor Brittany updated the team on items regarding Rainbow Trail: 1. Day Camp will be held the same week as other years – the 3rd week of June. The registration has been completed and turned in, along with the payments requested to this point. 2. Confirmation Camp has also been scheduled. Pastor Brittany asked about the policy in place to give scholarships to families for camp. This was discussed and the decision of the Christian Education Team is that Pastor Brittany use her discretion to provide scholarship moneys to those in need at the request of the family. We do not feel that the rest of the team is in need of the names of families requesting scholarships.
- Pastor Brittany also requested the feeling of the team in sending two high school students to Alamosa, CO for the Mission Trip in the summer of 2023. The team feels that those students showing an interest need to be allowed to attend. Pastor Brittany shared that All Saints has a few youth who “may be” interested in attending. She was also going to check with another area church to check on the level of interest from their high school youth. Pastor Brittany also let us know that Debbie Anderson is “on board” as a sponsor for this trip.
- Trunk of Treat was a big success again this year! Laura shared that they are building on past events from the church to create an even bigger event each year.
- Sunday School: Laura updated the team on the idea of dividing the Sunday School into two groups. To this point of the year, there have been so few or no “littles” attending that it hasn’t worked to have two different groups. Karen and Laura have team taught some sessions and are planning to find ways to move forward. Laura shared the difficulty in getting the “right” group of kiddos that we have at Holy Love to need a separate class for the “littles”.

- **Preschool Connections:** Beth shared that Halloween treats were given to the Preschool Students. A suggestion was made that maybe some of the choir members from Holy Love could attend the Preschool Christmas Programs and help sing some of the songs the kiddos present. A question was also asked regarding volunteers reading in the classrooms again. Beth will follow-up with Mary, Terry and Kay to see about if and when this volunteer opportunity could begin again.
- **Pastor Brittany presented the idea of selling Gift Cards as a fundraiser for the groups under the umbrella of Christian Education. The team requested approval from the Council to move forward with this item.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Whitney