**NPUMC Children and Youth Ministry/Education Committee**

Minutes: January 8, 2018

Opening Prayer: Connor

Attendees: Pastor Mark Wesler, Connor Neel, Carinne Collier, Karen Stirm, Kevin McCarty, Martha Haynes, Angie Gookins

Minutes From Last Meeting: no corrections

Old Business:

\*Job descriptions- Discussed and added more clearly defined items. Connor and Kimmy will send Martha their list of events/activities which will be put with the job descriptions. A final copy will be sent to Pastor Mark.

Youth Update: Connor

\*Connor is working on finding an alternative to RNM studies, thinking about creating his own studies. Would like to incorporate a curriculum that would be cohesive K-12, and even through adult studies.

\*Computer issues- Connor is thinking about using the current office computer for youth room and then a newer computer can be purchased for the office.

\*Donuts are being picked up by Connor at Sweet Shop and it’s going well!

\*It’s been discussed that a “Continuing Education” budget be formed so our youth leaders can benefit from periodic training. It is to be requested that Staff Parish take this to the financial committee.

\*Feb. 10 - Youth outing to Winter Jam.

Children’s Ministry:

Kimmy reported to Martha via email

\*Attendance on Sunday mornings & at Children’s Worship is consistently over 30 kids.

\*FB group & community members are attending different church events – posts we might want to share?

\*Teacher appreciation gifts – “still getting them out.” “Most 3rd graders have received their Bibles.”

\*Kids Night Out – December 16th – 40 kids and “everyone had a lot of fun!” Many volunteers & things ran smoothly.

\*VBS Shipwrecked 2018 – working on VBS date, received the kit.

\*Curriculum: The Nativity Story lessons “were awesome and very involved. It seems like a lot of the kids learned quite a bit about the nativity story.”

\*New Dig In Study-The Bible in One Year – “excited about this and just started it-format of this new curriculum is formatted like the previous one, so teachers will be familiar with it.”

Education: Connor will research RNM and select good videos (mentioned Francis Chapman, Andy Stanley, Nathan Rock to share with church body via newsletter, big screen during worship service. Possibly feature 2 each month, JD slide for this?

\*Pop-In Parenting Group Update: Working on changing format- conference call (Zoom) will discuss this with Colliers and Mitchells (are in). Kathy Mitchell is interested in helping with 1 on 1 parenting sessions. –Martha will check with Kathy about how we can implement this.

​\*Mitten Tree: 34 hats, 75 gloves, 26 scarves, 6 hat/glove sets. 5 blankets. Items will be delivered to Fletcher Place, Brightwood, Soup Kitchen.

\*Church Map & Signs for Sunday School Locations/ floor plan map update- Kevin will simplify this and work with Leah for finished product.

\*Education offerings for “Gap” people. Discussed hosting Financial Peace University seminar or other speakers that would benefit the adults in our congregation and members of the community. Zion Lutheran Church is hosting Financial Peace University beginning at the end of Jan. It was suggested we contact Zion to gather information about the workshop so we can host in the future.

\*Church Study – “The Star” The church had a lot of books left over from this study. It was suggested the books be handed directly to members instead of asking them to “pick one up at the table.”

\*Karen’s and Carinne’s families did the study together as a “family study.” Maybe the next “churchwide” study should be focused on a family study or family devotional. Maybe the Lenten Study can be promoted as this – a personal or family devotional?

\*For future Small Group and Churchwide Studies, maybe 2 minutes commercials can be shown to the congregation to drum up enthusiasm & share information about the study itself. These videos can star group leaders. Martha will ask Mike Poor about creating the videos.

\*Connor has suggested doing an All-ages, Church-wide study. He suggested: Lifeway Media. One bible verse as the center of the study, but applicable for each age group. Possibly on a quarterly basis.

New Business:

Sunday School Fund: $2,175.14

Bible Study offered – Saturdays, Steve Matteson

Subs for Youth Sunday School, 9:30, 10:30 curriculum working out for all ages?

Other Concerns:

How we can communicate needs, be proactive in all aspects of Education in our church. Be mindful of ways our committee members can help impact and encourage those in our midst.

Next Meeting: 2 nd Monday in February – Feb. 12, 2018

Closing Prayer: Kevin