

Children-Youth-Family Ministry Committee Meeting

September 17, 2019

1. **Attendees:** Jessica McCarty, Stephanie Barth, Dana Bellin, Becca Mortenson, Katie Wagner, Noelle LoConte, Joanne Zastrow, Steve Johnson
2. **Devotion:** Stephanie B.
3. **Connections Fair - September 22:** Need people to cover worship services at both campuses. Below are volunteers so far. Anyone else who would like to participate is welcome.
 - a. Madison Campus: Pamela 8:30am worship; 10:00am Jessica & Noelle
 - b. Verona Campus: Dana 9:00am & Stephanie 10:30am; Becca The Deep 6:00pm
 - c. Other items to have at the table? Fall brochure of activities, volunteer sign up (Katie to create)
 - d. Table volunteers to keep track of number of people that stop for information and report at next meeting. Katie will create a form to keep tally.
4. **Charter:** Reviewed previously written charter and agreed to revise the third bullet point to reflect families at all stages (i.e. possibly parents with adult children that need support) and not just end the scope of our committee once the child reaches adulthood. We wanted to fully embrace the family part of our committee name.

In response to God's love and grace, the purpose of the Children, Youth, and Family Committee at Good Shepherd is to:

- a. **Teach** that Good Shepherd is a place to feel welcome and safe
- b. **Lay the foundation** for what it means to live a life as a child of God and a disciple
- c. **Support and connect** children, youth, and families from birth through all stages of family life.

Board requested that the charter be updated to formally include ministries served. See below for revised charter statement:

Our areas of ministry include:

- Birth to Three Ministry
- Children's Ministry
- Middle School Ministry
- High School Ministry
- Family Ministry
- AMPED Confirmation
- Baptism
- Children and Youth Music Programs
- Church School
- First Communion
- High School Internship Program
- Summer Day Camps

5. **Church School Teacher Survey:** Katie summarized the findings from the church school teacher survey done in May (taken by 75% of teachers):
 - a. 90% are satisfied with the church school curriculum
 - b. 90% feel music is an important part of the church school program
 - c. 83% are satisfied with church school kids starting in worship before transitioning to church school

- d. We could better support our teachers with extra activities beyond the lesson and classroom management tips. (Joanne and I will add these for the upcoming year).

Action items to address results:

- a. Creating "Busy Boxes" with small items, games, fidget toys.
 - b. Classroom management tips are available on the website. Middle school volunteers are usually placed in 3-year-olds through kindergarten for extra help. Different group of kids each week with a different teacher each week can make classroom management more difficult. Church school "rover" may help. Joanne can take on this role at Madison because there are enough teachers, but Katie is often needed as a teacher in one of the classrooms and not available to be a rover.
 - c. There are different set-ups at each location and for each class depending on teacher availability – classrooms can have anywhere from 1 to 4 teachers that rotate
- 6. Volunteer Opportunities:** How should committees communicate their volunteer needs? Some possible ideas include adding a volunteer link under the "Serve" link on the GSLC website. Becca will discuss with Eric.
- 7. Trunk or Treat:** Outreach is handling this event. Joanne will reach out to Pastor Joe and see if they need any support. Event is happening on October 31, 2019.
- 8. Next Meeting:** Tuesday, October 15, 2019 @ GSLC – Madison, 8pm-9pm; Devotion from Noelle
- 9. Future Meeting Topics:** What does middle school ministry look like outside of AMPED? Support for families/parents once the children are out of confirmation and/or are adults – Speak with Sarah Iverson. How should we communicate our volunteer needs (on our committee website, a Breeze form with volunteer opportunities)?

Closing Prayer – Lord's Prayer