

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINUTES
FEBRUARY 1, 2000

The Board of Christian Education held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 1, 2000. Members present included: Chairman Rex Shultze, Bob Ewell, Jo Lambrect, Audrey Rol, Ellen Waak, Gene Troester, Sara Fahleson, Deb Waechter, Mary Schudel, Jennifer Gierke, David & Nancy Borchers.

The meeting was opened with devotion and prayer by David Borchers.

Minutes of the meeting in November were approved.

Committee Reports were given:

SUNDAY SCHOOL/CHRISTMAS PROGRAM/NURSERY SCHOOL SUBCOMMITTEE

Teacher Appreciation is scheduled for May 11, 2000.

The Board was asked to volunteer as able to help plan, decorate and publicize the event.

Jennifer submitted her resignation as Sunday School Director and Sunday School Subcommittee chair effective 5/28/00. A copy of her letter was distributed to members present. Rex expressed his thanks to Jennifer for her past months of service.

- . Mary Schudel has proposed starting a high school age Bible Study. (See attached proposal.) The Board concurred and she will proceed as noted on the attachment.

CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL SUBCOMMITTEE

The fund raiser in November raised approximately \$40,000.00.

There is a Delegate Assembly meeting February 24th at Lincoln Lutheran High.

There will be a Ken Hunter report on February 29th to be held at Messiah.

The Council will be asked again for names of delegates to serve on the Delegate Assembly.

ADULT EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE

The 50th Anniversary committee has many special events planned for the next several months. Consequently, the subcommittee felt it best to not plan additional events to conflict with that scheduling.

The subcommittee is tentatively planning a parenting workshop to be held in the Fall 2000.

Christ In Our Homes is scheduled for the first part of May 2000 in conjunction with the Board of Assimilation.

A Women of Faith conference is scheduled in Omaha, June 23-24, called "Extravagant Grace 2000". It was suggested the church purchase a block of tickets (20) to be sold to the women in the congregation. Bob will

check on feasibility with Terry on the pre-purchase. Discussion was held regarding a "Singles Ministry". The Council will be asked if this is something the Board of Education should pursue or if there is another board or staff member looking into that ministry.

LIBRARY

Work day was held on January 25th. The library committee is also planning on a separate library of staff materials.

MIDWEEK SCHOOL/CONFIRMATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Jay Brinkmeyer is covering Rhonda's classes during her leave of absence.

PRESCHOOL

A student teacher, Staci Larsen, from Concordia University, Seward, will be with the Preschool from February 21 - April 28th.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUBCOMMITTEE

"Outback Expedition" is planned for the summer of 2000. First session for preschool and kindergarten age will be held June 10-23.

Second session for grades 1 thru 5 will be held July 10-14. The subcommittee is currently recruiting volunteers.

Sara reported for Tim Volk that the surveys regarding the Christian Day School had been returned. They additionally surveyed approximately 200 homes by phone. David Mueller will be visiting with the Council in January. He will also be making a final presentation in January to the congregation regarding the feasibility study.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 7th, with Jennifer having devotions and taking minutes.

Pie and coffee were served by Rex. (THANK YOU REX).

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy Borchers

PROPOSAL FOR A HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Submitted by Mary L. Schudel to the Christ Lutheran Bd. Of Education-FEBRUARY 1, 2000

RATIONALE: There is perhaps no greater gift we can give our young people than a better appreciation of God's Word and the motivation necessary to keep them in the Word. The apostle Paul's last words to his 'son' Timothy were an admonition to remain in the Word.

"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from who you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."
(2 Timothy 3:14-17)

Our church does an excellent job of preparing children to grow up in God's Word, but no congregation as large as ours can meet the needs of every individual member. In a modest effort to reach out to a group of young people, I would like to offer a Bible Study for high school students who, to my knowledge, do not have a specific program in place for that purpose. Most high school students have access to a good youth group and Sunday school classes, but there could be more offered in the way of studying God's Word. As a witness to the success of a teen Bible Study that my daughter is participating in (at another church) and in response to requests from some former students, I would like to lead a small group study just for high school students.

PROPOSAL: To offer a Bible Study to high school youth whose primary purpose is to help them better understand God's Word and in understanding it, be better equipped to call on God's Word in their daily life. Perhaps most important of all is a sincere desire to motivate young people to make Bible reading and study an integral and dynamic part of the rest of their lives.

PROCEDURE: I would begin by inviting a specific group-my former Sunday School class-to my home and conduct an informal Bible Study/social time. During this period, I would survey the students about their interest in meeting on a regular basis and try to establish a meeting time and place. At this point, it is unknown if it would be more convenient/desirable for them to meet in my home, at church on Wednesday nights, or perhaps during the Sunday school hour. As most of these students are still too young to drive, it could very well prove most convenient for their parents to offer the Bible Study as an alternative to their regular Sunday school classes. If this should prove the case, then the addition would need to be perceived as similar to the adult classes, where more than one option is available according to personal interests or needs.

Naturally, there will be no intention of limiting the group to my former students. They just happen to be the students with whom I have established a good teacher/student relationship with after five years of being their SS teacher. Also, there seems to be a high degree of comfort among them that would lend itself to an open and trusting Bible study. As time, and the study, go on it is hoped that these students would invite friends (preferably unchurched) to our study, and so witness to others about God's power in His Word. The group composition and dynamics are a matter of time and blessing.

As a certified teacher of Secondary Education, with endorsements in Theology, History, Speech Communication and English, I would be honored to serve God through this ministry.