

Cedar Springs United Methodist Church
Christian Education Team
Proposed Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2018

Sally Johnson, Kerri Mayo, Nancy Noreen, and Jennifer Totten were present along with Helene Caldwell, Bonnie Hitchingham and Rose Kempf.

Nancy called the meeting to order shortly after noon at the Cedar Springs McDonald's playroom.

Nancy explained that after talking with parents and teachers it was felt that even though the Wednesday night fellowship meals were discontinued Christian Ed would like to continue the Faith classes. Attendance has been consistently better than previous years on Sunday mornings. Also the Youth group has been building momentum and the leaders want to keep the Wednesday meetings. The meals have been an important reason families are able to easily attend on Wednesdays.

It was agreed that we want to keep our Faith classes going and do our best to provide a meal for kids and their families as well as for the choir that meets Wednesday night.

With Wednesday night's focus on Faith classes we will try ways to streamline the meal time such as...

....eating when food is ready; announcements and prayer just before classes

....no raffle/give aways

....open to changes/suggestions to maximize small group time.

Suggestions:

Ask groups or individuals to volunteer to plan and prepare a simple meal.

Ann Scott, Tim Scott and Bonnie Hitchingham have volunteered to come in early (approx. 4 PM) on Wednesdays when needed to help with food preparation.

Have a list of suggested meals; gather the menu items and have volunteers prepare them.

Still have a donation basket to fund the meals.

Plan meals for about 40 people.

Clean up volunteers are welcome at the Wednesday meals too!

Menu ideas:

Mac and Cheese and Hot Dogs

Pancakes

Spaghetti (perhaps with a vegetable tomato sauce and smaller noodles or penne)

Tacos

Grilled Cheese (*use a pastry brush and melted butter or spray*)

and tomato soup (*perhaps served in a cup with a straw*)

Cheesy Potatoes and Ham

The group then went over the calendar.

There are 2 Wednesdays left in January.

Carolyn Davis has volunteered the Adult Choir for the January 31st meal.

3 Wednesdays in February

No Faith classes on Ash Wednesday, February 14

4 Wednesdays in March

Rose Kempf volunteered for the March 14th meal.

3 Wednesdays in April

No Faith classes April 4 (CSPS Spring Break)

2 Wednesdays in May

Nancy will ask Pastor Bill about Promotion Sunday on May 13th.

VBS will be June 25-28

Nursery

Sally has adult volunteers for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays each month. Liz is teen helper.

The group agreed that it was a good idea for youth volunteers to have some training.

Jr. Church

2nd and 4th Sundays after Children's Moment

Rose will line up volunteers.

Age Groups are:

Nursery – Infant thru 4 years

Jr. Church – 5 years thru 5th Grade

Next meeting

February 25th at noon at CS McDonald's Play Place

Agenda:

Review Faith Classes; Jr. Church; Nursery

Haiti Bags

Promotion Sunday

Graduation Sunday

VBS

The meeting closed with prayer shortly after 1 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Noreen