

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH
YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 27, 2018

Members present: Susan Polson, Dan Engebretson, Pastor AJ, Jan Ferguson and Angie Anderson.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor AJ.

The Minutes from the May 17, 2018, meeting were approved as written.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

May 2018 expenses were \$287.43. This was for VBS crafts and supplies. We received \$363 which is a registration refund for a student who is unable to attend the youth convention.

GOALS:

The Committee continued discussion on hosting a car wash as our community outreach event which would satisfy our Goal #4, "Plan an outreach event for the community". After discussion it was decided that the car wash would be held this fall with a possible date of Wednesday, September 12, from 5:30-7:00. This would be a better time for our youth to participate and, potentially, the Nelson youth would be able to join us. It is also a better time to attract "after work/after school activities" traffic.

Cassie was able to get us information concerning water bottles and personalized stickers. The cost was very reasonable and it was decided that we would go ahead with this idea. The Committee really likes the idea of having a Bible verse on the sticker along with our name and address. The water bottles would be handed out to people who come to the car wash.

YOUTH:

Pastor AJ updated the Committee on arrangements for the July youth gathering being held in Des Moines. Youth attending the youth gathering will be serving refreshments after the July 15 worship service as a "thank you" to the congregation for their generous support.

YOUTH CONNECTIONS:

Jan reviewed with the Committee the social media process being used to connect with our youth. The first week of each month a Bible verse and devotion is sent out via email. The third week of each month the same Bible verse is sent via text message using "GIF".

The Committee reviewed the process of obtaining youth "biographies" and getting them in the newsletter each month for the "Connect with our Crew" feature. After discussion some changes were made to the process.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

The Committee began to share ideas for youth group which will begin in September. The Committee looked at what is working well, what is not working and possible activity options. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

VBS:

As a reminder, VBS dates are August 3-4 and October 27. Registration forms and information are available in the newsletter, on our website and at Living Word. Committee members and Council members are encouraged to take the postcards and share them with families who might be interested in attending. Also, if there are opportunities to post our information at various locations around the city, please do so.

FALL RETREAT:

The Saturday, October 27, fall retreat is coming together nicely. Jan briefly shared the days' schedule with the Committee. Another retreat meeting will be held in August.

NEXT MEETING:

Our next meeting is tentatively set for Thursday, August 16, at 6:30 p.m.

Due to various conflicts, a July meeting date was difficult to schedule. We will keep you updated.

The meeting was adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Anderson, Secretary