

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH
YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2016

Members present: Kay Elvehjem (Council Liaison), Pastor AJ, Diana Waltzing, MaKayla Waltzing, Jan Ferguson and Angie Anderson.

The meeting was opened with devotions given by Kay Elvehjem.

MINUTES: There were no Minutes available for the July 14, 2016 meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Expenses incurred in July were \$788.50, which was the youth trip. The 2016 budget and year-to-date figures were reviewed. The Committee is doing a good job staying on budget.

DEDICATED FUNDS: There are two dedicated funds for youth, one titled "Youth Mission Trip" and the other titled "Youth Programs". The committee agreed all memorials and donations should be placed in the account labeled "Youth Programs". A motion was made by Angie Anderson to make a recommendation to the Treasurer to delete the dedicated fund entitled "Youth Mission Trip". Motion was seconded by Diana Waltzing, motion carried.

CATECHISM/CONFIRMATION:

- *Pastor AJ passed out the schedule, objectives and requirements for 2016-2017 Confirmation classes. They will be held Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30. There will be six Confirmation students this year. New material from SOLA will be used.
- *We will need to purchase Bibles this year, three for incoming Confirmation students and three intermediate Bibles for elementary students.

KREW:

- *Jan reported that the curriculum will be ordered in the coming week and that the staff is in place.
- *KREW will be held Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30. The schedule will remain the same, however, the structure will change somewhat as there will be one class for the six students. This class will have one teacher and one assistant.
- *Sunday KREW was discussed. It was decided that Sunday KREW will be held the first Sunday of each month, beginning October 2, 2016. It will be taught by the Confirmation students and a parent supervisor. They will be reviewing KREW lessons taught on Wednesdays by using the review cards included in the curriculum along with activity sheets, games, etc. This will be a great opportunity for mentoring and connecting the older and younger students.

YOUTH GROUP:

- *Pastor AJ passed out a schedule containing the youth group theme for the year based on 1 Peter 4:10-11, along with monthly activity ideas. The focus will be on stewardship.

Pastor AJ has been working with Pastor Jeremy in Nelson, who will be bringing his youth over to join us for the monthly youth group activities.

*September 7 will be the fall kickoff for youth programs. A dinner will be served at 6:00 followed by activities and games. There will be a table set up with registration forms and information on all LWLC youth programs. Postcards will be available for families to take and share with friends. All members of LWLC will be invited to the kickoff!

*Per the Committee goals, a Youth/Church family event will be held in December, with caroling at Knute Nelson.

PLAYGROUND:

*The Church Council has approved the purchase of playground equipment, as the Church has received \$4,549.00 in memorials, honorariums and donations.

*The Property Committee has done research on various types of playground equipment and has forwarded several options to the Youth Committee for review and recommendation.

*The Youth Committee reviewed and held discussion on the playground options. The Committee recommendation is as follows: "Castle" design; "Carnival" construction; "Carnival Castle" Model 22B option with wood roof and green accents. The total amount including the complete set and property site preparation will be \$4,298.00.

*Jan Ferguson will bring the Committee's recommendation to the Property Committee.

YOUTH TRIP:

Pastor AJ gave the Committee a recap of the youth trip to the National Youth Gathering held in Iowa in July. He was pleased with the teaching and speakers, the facilities were wonderful and our LWLC youth were great!! Wonderful experience!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Kay and Jan gave a brief recap of VBS week. The Committee was very pleased with how well the week went, especially with the amount of people attending. There were 24 students with 6 junior/senior high helpers involved. The total attendance, including adult teachers and Bible Study attendees, was over 50 each night. The theme was very fun, the songs were great, the meals went over well and Polly the Pig was a hit!!

NEXT MEETING:

*September 15, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Anderson, Secretary