

SE Teachers meeting
10/13/16

Present: Geraldine F., Angel R., Jess S., Ben F.

Agenda: see attached from GF

Opening words/chalice lighting

Current attendance to SE

- Discussed concerns about moderate attendance to SE and barriers therein
 - Barriers may be families being away; children aging (pre-teen/teen) into next phase of programming (CWTK)
 - Youth seemed focused on attending when there is action to be taken. Eg. Harvest day at Artistree, trip to the Tea House, being a part of service on Sunday
- Brainstorming on increasing attendance
 - Identify and have activities tailored to pre-teen/teen group
 - Poll pre-teen/teen group on their interests
 - There have been adults and a new family(s) show up to events (eg. Tea House) who either came via the new walking group and /or local list serve PR.
 - Discussion of having notice on Sunday service of what SE program is doing as announcement so that the rest of the congregation is aware that programming continues despite the children not always being present.
 - Instead of hearing that there are no children present today w/o explanation of why.
 - Jess offered to bring up the issue to worship committee

Space/building needs

- Discussed SE space needs: have it be welcoming and safe
- The 0-5 group is not currently developed, it is just a drop off
 - Discussed possibilities of having developing teacher/program/outreach
 - Discussed possibility of having SE and 0-5's all together in house; but due to current building use and needs, that may not be currently viable.
 - Angel R. is willing to be invested in supporting such a program
 - AR is asking what steps need to be taken to move forward
 - Further discussion with the board would need to ensue

Music addition to SE: Michael Z. willing to

- Concerns: once a month vs. increased practice time with shorter sessions
 - Agreed that time is so short during SE on Sundays, having once a month would be more beneficial at this time.

Mother Up program

- 30th there will be a review of J. Macy's movie for 12+ and a kids program for the younger 0-11's to see if there is interest in moving ahead with the program.
- It will be PR'd locally (as non- secular event)

Cabin Fever Dinner on Wednesday nights

- Discussed having an SE table therein
- The children still need a welcoming space to hang out when they're done eating, currently the space is not and who does childcare therein.

Calendar – see attached

- GF/AR will start hearts project at the beginning of next month (November)
- AR to possibly take Nov. 13th with Michael Z. to start music
- Discussed collaborating with Finnie at Artistree to work on holiday gifts in December or SE group will come up with projects therein.

Currently there is no and this is not the SE committee, nor is there a chair for SE

- However, there is intention to have committee and chair again.

Discussed possibly meeting again before the new year as SE teachers

Closing words- end