



**Learning Committee: MINUTES** – Jan 12, 2019, 11am  
Attendees: Joe Zimmerly, Patti Stouch, Tracy Blois

**Share BRIGHT spots!**  
**EVENTS**

**1. Recap past events**

- a. Cookie Jars (thank you to the Saner Family!)
- b. Wreath making at St. Columba's (huge Mt Cross turnout...great event!)
- c. NAMI presentation
  - i. Kids' side went very well! Very real!
  - ii. Would be worth planning a follow-up
  - iii. Parent attendance was low - pre-event communication to the parents could be emphasized it will be important to attend – ways to do this?
- d. Christmas Program

**2. Upcoming Events**

- a. Jan 17-20: Family Winter Camp—> **18 people are going!**
- b. Parents Night Out – Feb 14, 6-10pm
  - i. Must be potty-trained
- c. Confirmation Sunday – May 31
- d. Summer youth trip—> San Diego
- e. Midnight Madness in the future! (possible Ventura County outing)
- f. Tiger McLuen seminar on January 30th at Ascension Lutheran, Thousand Oaks.
- g. Family Events
  - i. Week of March 6-8 (pick a date and event at next meeting)
  - ii. May/June: trunk feast potluck with wheels

**TOPICS TO DISCUSS:**

**1. Nursery**

- a. Budget: 1 paid nursery staff has been included in the 2020 budget
  - i. Jessica will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> adult for nursery and children's church
  - ii. Nursery lead will also be the 2<sup>nd</sup> adult for children's church when Joe is out of town (with Jessica as primary)
- b. Hiring: need to post, interview, and hire the 1 paid nursery staff
  - i. Joe updated draft of job description (commitment is at least 3 out of 4 Sundays a month)
  - ii. Will post this externally (INDEED, Facebook) and pursue leads through CLU, CDC
- c. Patti will check for an old binder in the nursery (sign-up sheet, medical information for all children)
- d. Joe will ask someone to join the interview team who will use the nursery

**2. Check in on children's church and Wednesday night programs**

- a. It was very positive to have the extra week post winter break before starting

**3. Annual report – missed submission for this report – will improve next year**

**4. Safe Guarding God's Children**

- a. This has now been completed/updated – yay!

**5. VBS**

- a. Joe starting to plan now and reach out to potential volunteers
  - i. Including recruiting an assistant director!
- b. Pastor Julie is on vacation first week of Aug, her pastoral presence is important – will try for the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Aug instead (Aug 10-14)
- c. Could potentially hire for things like a "Snack Master"

**6. Church Council / church staff Report (standing agenda item)**

- a. Need to clarify for hiring process, what are the roles and responsibilities of church staff vs LC vs personnel committee vs church council (ie nursery staff)

- b. Would be great to ensure the online calendars on church website are all up to date
- 7. VCIC- Ventura County Interfaith Community – young adult group
  - a. Anything to discuss?
- 8. New schedule
  - a. Do 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday's work? Discuss next meeting with rest of committee.
- 9. Tracy Bennett seminar (Thrivent Action Team? And no childcare)
  - a. Discuss next month for timing
- 10. Multiple camps/conferences in Jan/Feb weekends:
  - a. Family winter camp: Jan 18-20
  - b. HS camp: Jan 24-26
  - c. Extravaganza (will miss church retreat because of this): Jan 31-Feb 3
  - d. Middle school camp: Feb 28-Mar 1
  - e. Joe's priority is to attend these camps (reiterate with anyone concerned that Joe's role is Director of Children, Youth, Families not Director of Ministries)

**MINISTRIES served:**

1. Preschool
2. Elementary School, FWF & Joyful Noise
3. Confirmation/Middle School
4. High School YG (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade)
5. Nursery

**Future topics: (Running list for record keeping)**

1. Future nursery / playground
2. Youth Group Programming
3. NAMI follow up program
4. 2020 Goal Setting (youth ministry / young adult team)

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

**Next meeting: Feb 13 (switching to second Thursdays / discuss next meeting)**