

9/23/18

### Children & Youth Faith Formation Meeting

Present: Lynn Wetherbee (nursery), Alex Bouwman (Sr. Youth SS coordinator), Linda Esh (SS coordinator), Sarah Rody (SS coordinator/youth group leader, Kathie Sauder (youth group leader)

#### -Nursery

- Room issue (mold in nursery), currently using Preschool Sunday school room, working fine
  - CCCC needs to rip up carpet
  - New idea- no wall to wall carpet
  - Deacons working on this- Amanda will reach out to them to check
  - Lynn may need to ask volunteers to come for a work day
- May need more nursery adult volunteers
  - A newer person volunteered- Lynn will refer to person to Dorianna for clearances, etc. Reminder that people need to have been attending WPMF for at least 6 months before volunteering to work with children (Child protection policy)
- Ages 3 and below for nursery, can be flexible
- Lynn tried 5 weeks of no nursery in the summer since people are often away

#### -Youth group

- First event- camping this weekend
- Hoping to plan one event with Germantown Mennonite this year
- Thinking of doing DOOR or SWAP instead of convention
  - Leaders will talk to parents about this
  - Need to fundraise
  - Germantown Mennonite did a service/learning trip to North Philly last year- maybe hear from them how this went

#### -Sunday school

- Ages of kids- wide range with gaps- coordinators looking at which groups to combine
  - Currently 3 classes- currently PreK-2nd, 4th-6th, 7th-8th
    - May need to shift to: PreK, K-2nd, 4th-8th
    - May need to recruit more teachers
- SS space was a mess at the beginning of the Sunday school period
  - Full of junk
  - Maybe we should clean space?
- How to address misbehavior? -topic for further conversation
- Discussed article about Sunday school from the Mennonite World Review

#### -Sr. Youth Sunday School

- Topics: interpreting scripture, Journey Forward (following worship), meaning of baptism
- Plans to bring in other adults to teach
  - Check with Dorianna about who has clearances
- Asked youth their interested- ethics
- May will be a month to prepare for convention, etc- youth leaders can use this time if they want it